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World religious leaders gather to focus on environment

Symposium culminates with Common Meal on Sunday afternoon. *Photo by Jackie Belden*

Speakers represent wide spectrum of religious faiths

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Religious and spiritual leaders of Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and from the Native American community gathered last week for a four day symposium on "Spirit and Nature: Religion, Ethics, and Environmental Crisis." Thousands of environmentalists, religous followers, and students attended the symposium along with countless members of the press, to hear what these speakers had to say about the current environmental crisis.

Native Elder Audrey Shenandoah

On Thursday afternoon, Native Elder Audrey Shenandoah of the Eel Clan of the Onandaga Nation of the Iroquois Confederacy opened the symposium with an address entitled "Before All Other Matters" that cited the fundamental problem of the environment as man's imbalance with the environment.

"All of the rest of the world would continue if we were to drop out, however if another element fell out of the cycle humanity would find it very difficult to survive," said Shenandoah.

According to Shenandoah, Iriquois tradition says that every man and woman must be responsible to the generations that will succeed their own. As a result, they cannot make decisions without considering the effects they will have on others.

Shenandoah spoke of an inherent feeling within all mankind in which a universal message is conveyed "that we should respect this mother earth and we should respect all of the components of the cycle of creation."

She noted some words that are integral parts of the English language but do not exist in her native language.

"[We don't have] a word for nature in our language because we are a part of it." According to Shenandoah, for the Iroquois, nature is not an entity that can be regarded and defined as separate from the people.

Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr

Following Shenandoah's speech, Professor Sayyed Hossein Nasr, a professor of Islamic studies at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. gave an address that focused on the Islamic view of nature and the environment.

Nasr argued that the environmental crisis in the Islamic world was created by the introduction of western technology into a society that holds the environment to be a sacred extension of God on earth.

Muslims believe that nature is not to be conquered or subdued, but is to be an integral part of human life on earth, Nasr said.

According to Nasr, "traditional Muslims have always harbored a great love for nature," for God made "man his custodian" of the environment. Unlike the western beliefs that man has certain rights over nature and that nature is to be conquered by man, Islam teaches a love for the environ-

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Dalai Lama stresses importance of compassion

By Andrew Levinson

His Holiness the fourteenth Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, paid his second visit to the Middlebury College campus this past weekend as part of a conference entitled "Spirit and Nature: Religion, Ethics and Environmental Crisis."

His Holiness made three public appearances during his five-day stay on campus. Friday morning, his Holiness led a discussion in Dana Auditorium, from which people wishing to hear the Dalai Lama were turned away because there simply were no more seats. On Saturday morning, an estimated five thousand students, faculty, townspeople, religious followers and environmentalists heard the recipient of the 1989 Nobel Prize for Peace speak on the environment. Later that afternoon, His Holiness joined other guest lecturers in a panel on environmental ethics moderated by Professor of Religion Steven Rockefeller.

Nelson Arena was filled to capacity long before the Dalai Lama stepped up to the podium to give his address on "The Buddhist Approach to Ethics and Environment." The overflowing crowds were accomodated with closed-circuit television in Pepin Gym.

His Holiness began his address by stating his gratification and enthusiasm for the Spirit and Nature symposium and by excluding himself from the realm of "experts" who perpetually advise society on various topics.

"I am happy to be here with you. I have very much enjoyed [the conference]...but I am not an expert on ecology and the environment. [You] come here with expectations but I have nothing to offer."

The Dalai Lama proceeded to examine three aspects of Buddhism's approach to the environment: the Buddhist perception of nature and

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Geonomics hosts conference on German reunification

By Dawn Blalock

Though it sounds like the title for an economics course, "German Reunification and the Privatization of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Poland: Implications for Western Business" was actually the subject of debate for the Fall 1990 East-West Seminar at the Geonomics Insititute. The unassuming building on Hillcrest St. just behind the tennis courts, opened last spring as what Michael Claudon, co-founder and Middlebury Economics professor, called a, "catalyst for action."

"The Geonomics Institute fills the niche between a think-tank and a consulting firm," Claudon said. Constructed as a forum for discussion to bring together academians and the business element, the symposium's goal at the end of a 3-day seminar is to have made up "working proposals" for practical solutions to modern economic problems. Participants prepare papers a year in advance of the seminar so most time is spent working in small groups rather than in large lectures. They can then, as Claudon described, "roll up their sleeves and get down to sessions" of discussion.

"This is not for specialists or theorists; we don't want droners or dronees. After a ten-minute presentation of the papers the seminars are all discussion," said Claudon.

"Most of these people are veterans of the conference circuit of poor food, little participation, and the opportunity to watch a reknowned individual pontificate," he added.

The Geonomics' symposiums are unusual in their intimacy—no more than forty people participate, leading to very involved and enthusiastic discussions. "We had trouble sticking to the schedule because we could not end discussion," noted Claudon.

Until the most recent seminar, Geonomics focused exclusively on the economic aspects of the Soviet Union. As Eastern Europe becomes more accessible politically, business opportunities also arise, along with many problems about how to adapt the socialist economics that are ill-suited to development and investment as they stand now.

The participants, some representing Latvia, Poland, the FDR, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and more lo-

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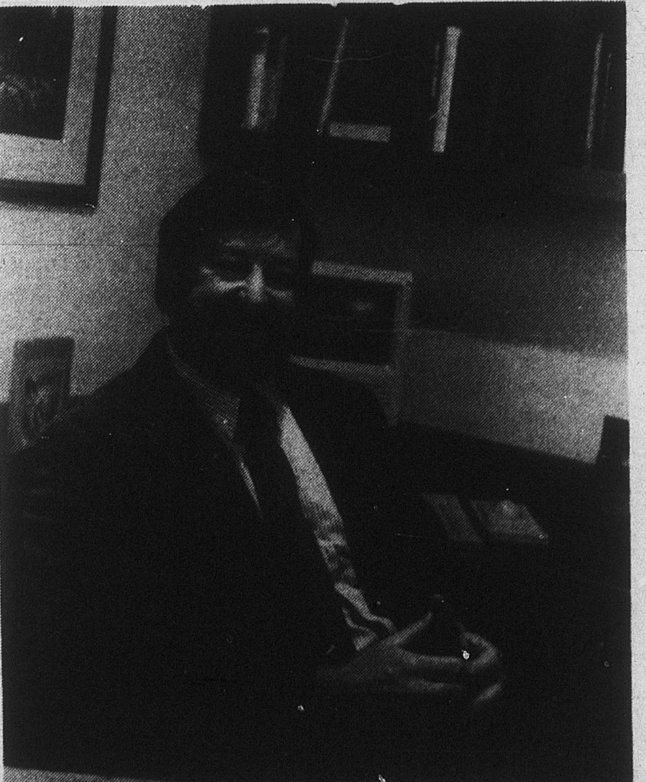

Professor of Economics Michael Claudon *Staff photo*

'Spirit and Nature' considered success

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Organizers of the 'Spirit and Nature' conference which dominated the Middlebury College campus for four days last week are calling the event a success.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the way the conference turned out," said Religion Professor Steven Rockefeller, the principal organizer of the conference. "The speakers did a splendid job, and I think the discussions led by faculty members for the guest lecturers and students were a big success."

More than 5,000 people attended an address given by His Holiness the Dalai Lama in the Memorial Field House Saturday morning, and the Interfaith service at Mead Chapel on Sunday drew more than 800. Lectures by individual speakers typically drew crowds of between 250 and 600, made up primarily of students, faculty and other members of the Middlebury community to Mead Chapel.

"We did not make a huge effort to advertise off campus for the conference, because we wanted to make sure that Middlebury students would have access to the different events," Rockefeller said.

Elizabeth Grinspoon '91, who coordinated a volunteer corps of more than eighty-five student ushers, guides, and liaisons, said that the conference proceeded with no major glitches.

"Everything went amazingly smoothly," said Grinspoon. "The students who got involved in this put in long hours, and from what I can tell, they got a lot out of it."

Not everything went according to plan, though.

Rockefeller said that the banner advertising the conference, hanging outside Proctor, has been stolen.

"My hope is that if it's on campus that students will cooperate in getting it returned so it can be displayed in one of the dining halls," Rockefeller said.

The conference will be the subject of a Public Affairs television special directed by veteran journalist Bill Moyers to air sometime next spring.

The lectures and other excerpts of the conference will serve as the basis of a book to be edited by Rockefeller and English Professor John Elder. Publication is slated for mid-1991.

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College Shorts

by Chad Bryant

Campus Police Officer Accidentally Shot and Killed

Cpl. Kevin W. Barleycorn was killed by a bullet fired from the gun of another campus officer, Officer Ron Smallwood, as the two were attempting to prevent an altercation at a fraternity party at the University of Arizona. Sgt. Roberto A. Villasenor of the Tuscon Police Department reported that the incident began when several young men attempted to enter an exclusive party at the Kappa Sigma house. Villasenior, who is handling the case, said that one of the men, Eddie M. Meyers, left the party in order to get a gun. The two officers halted Meyers as he reentered the house. As Meyers allegedly pointed his gun at the officers, Smallwood opened fire as Barleycorn lunged at Meyers. The bullet allegedly went through Meyers' arm before entering Barleycorn's body. Meyers, who is not affiliated with the university, reportedly fired two shots either before or during the ensuing struggle. He has been charged with first-degree murder and aggravated assault.

On the Whole, Solid as a Rock

According to a Chemical Bank survey of 150 colleges and universities throughout New England and the Mid-Atlantic states, eighty percent of colleges and universities responding reported that their financial positions were strong, despite much recent talk of budget cuts. Sixteen percent of the institutions reported their financial state as either "weak but stable" or "weak but improving." Only one percent claimed to be in financial decline. The survey was conducted in January and February at . The biggest financial problem facing most institutions is lack of funding from the federal and state level. Low or declining enrollments was a close second. In order to cover operating costs, twenty percent of the institutions were forced to use some of their endowment funds "very and somewhat often." Fifty-four percent reported that they had not been forced to turn to their endowments.

Relief Buried at Stanford

After Stanford University reported $140 million in damage from the earthquake that rocked the San Francisco Bay area last October, officials decided that some sort of relief effort should be organized in the event of any future quakes. A dozen custom-made containers filled with emergency materials have been buried in different locations across the campus. The containers are five feet high and nine feet in diameter and contain enough ready-to-eat food to feed 10,000 people for two days. The containers will remain at a constant temperature of fifty-eight degrees and will keep the food edible for twenty years. In addition to this hearty grub, the containers also hold radios, flashlights, shovels, hammers, hatchets, stretchers, and first-aid equipment. In order to prevent hungry vandals from having a few midnight snacks, the exact locations of the caches are known to only a few of the university officials.

Notre Dame Students Must Clean Up After Themselves

Students returning to Notre Dame University this fall were surprised to find a couple of items in their rooms that had recently been added to the inventory: two spray bottles and a sponge. Before 1972, housekeepers made student's beds every morning, but the cleaning schedule was trimmed to twice a week in 1979, and now maid service at the university has been dropped. University officials claimed that the high cost of overtime pay created by the maid service was too expensive for the University. In addition, in many instances it was difficult for the maids to do their jobs—for example, when a student was asleep when the maid was assigned to clean his/her room. Students reactions are mixed. Angie Bates, a junior finance major from Honolulu, supports the move "As college students, we can certainly assume the small responsibility of cleaning up after ourselves." The pampering will be sorely missed by other students. "I do not think I should pay $17,000 to go to Notre Dame and also care for my own room," complains Greg Guffey, a senior American Studies major from New Castle, Indiana. Life is rough.

Nutty Prof Finds Alternative Fuel

John Goodrum, an associate professor of agricultural engineering at the University of Georgia, claims to have found a way to produce fuel out of peanuts. The fuel runs on diesel engines and according to Goodrum, could be helpful in supplementing fuel reserves. He has been working with peanuts during the past ten years (his research costs between $10,000 and $20,000 a year) and hopes to genetically develop a peanut plant that could be grown inexpensively. At the time of this printing, the cost of a gallon of peanut oil was leveling off at $1.75 a gallon. The oil was used in two campus buses in the 1981-82 school year, and the response seems to have been positive. Rodney Reed, a mechanic at the university for the past twenty-one years found the olfactory emissions of the fuel to be a plus. "It sort of smelled like parched peanuts, but it smelled a whole lot better than diesel fuel." Scrounging through the Chex mix when gas prices climb too high might be a very real possibility. According to Goodrum, peanut oil "is an alternative fuel that can be used in an emergency.

"I guess it takes a crunch like an crisis to get people to try things. It's no good waiting until you have a crisis and then research to find an answer," said Goodrum.

Top Five Campus Sellers

According to a survey conducted by The Chronicle of Higher Education in July, the most widely read books on college campuses today are:

1) Presumed Innocent by Scott Turow

2) Clear and Present Danger by Tom Clancy

3) The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

4) A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking

5) The Burden of Proof by Scott Turow

NEWS

Middlebury loses 'upbeat' pre-med. student in tragic accident

By Hilary Seiden

Last summer, Middlebury College lost an outstanding student, Ragan Ryan '91, as a result of a tragic accident.

After leaving Middlebury for the summer, Ragan had gone to Boston where he found a job doing microbiological work with the cardiovascular unit at Brigham and Women's Hospital. While staying at a friend's house in Boston, Ragan was killed when he fell off of a porch through a loose railing.

A memorial service was conducted by Chaplain Walsh for family and friends in the chapel at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

A successful athlete, Ragan was a member of the varsity baseball team, the varsity swim team and the club water polo team here at Middlebury. In addition, Ragan played intramural football and basketball and was a licensed pilot.

Ragan had spent two summers in Ecuador where he worked as a volunteer in public health projects. A Biochemistry major, Ragan planned to go to medical school.

Ragan's history of strong academic performance dates back to his high school career in Texas, where he graduated from Robert E. Lee High School with honors in the top1% in a class of 500 students.

His chemistry professor, Mr. Gleason, described him as an 'A' student whose academic performance and capabilities were far above average. Dedicated to medicine, Ragan had already spent two summers at medical school.

Professor Gleason credited Ragan's wonderful personality to making him a pleasurable student.

"Ragan was an upbeat guy, who was on top of things and always smiling. The only time I can remember when Ragan didn't smile, was when he handed in a one-hour exam. However, his smile soon reappeared when he received the results," said Gleason.

Ragan's friends describe him as one of the most happy, energetic, and optimistic of all their friends. Ragan also was noted to be hardworking and particularly helpful around his fraternity house, Kappa Delta Rho.

Although they have tried to carry

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Community mourns the passing of security officers

By Paul Testa

This past June, Middlebury College suffered the lost of two dedicated staff members.

Robert J. Leggett, a security dispatcher for the college, died unexpectedly on June 9, 1990, of a heart attack. 'Tiny,' as he was known to fellow employees and college students, was employed by Middlebury College for less than a year as a night dispatcher. Born Feb. 18, 1932, Leggett served with the 7th Infantry Division in the Korean War and was employed for over twenty years with the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller and supervisor until his retirement in 1979.

Leggett is survived by his wife, Leslie, of Bristol, and a sister, Shirley French.

On June 12, 1990, Frank Miller III died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Miller was employed for 13 years as a daytime campus security officer. Born July 28, 1929, Miller was a long-time resident of Vergennes and had been a member of the town's volunteer rescue squad for many years. Miller also served as a part-time deputy sheriff for Addison County for 16 years.

Miller is survived by his wife Jane and two sons, Frank IV and Nathan, and a large extended family.

Temple students block traffic in solidarity with faculty strike

PHILADELPHIA (NSNS) In an unusual show of solidarity between students and faculty, more than 500 Temple University students halted traffic for an hour in downtown Philadelphia on September 7th and 9th in an attempt to end a four-day faculty strike that has resulted in the cancellation of more than 75 percent of the university's classes.

The hour-long sit-ins on Philadelphia's main traffic artery were organized by "Students in Solidarity with University Professionals." The strikes were staged to pressure the administration to submit to binding arbitration with the faculty, who are striking over wages benefits.

Daryush Negahban, a senior mathematics major and member of the student group, said the administration views arbitration as an infringement of its powers to dictate school policy.

"We are going to continue direct action to show them that they can't hold our education hostage to their administrative power games," Negahban said. "We want a fair settlement, but most of all we want to get back in the classroom."

George Ingram, spokesperson for the university, said the administration made a fair offer to the faculty and that meeting the faculty's demands would result in higher tuition.

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"Temple was founded in 1884 for the sons and daughters of working class families," said Ingram. "If we are forced to raise tuition, we'll be moving away from the basic reason behind the university's founding."

Art Hochner, president of the Temple Association of University Professionals, the organization responsible for the faculty strike, disagrees with Ingram's assessment of the administration's offer.

"The administration gave us an unacceptable proposal on wages and benefits and research resources," said Hochner.

In addition, Hochner criticized a $260 fee assigned to union members to pay part of their health insurance premiums.

With regard to student efforts to end the strike, Hochner said "the strikers appreciate the student support."

Students plan festival on riot anniversary, others boycott

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (NSNS) One year after more than 1,000 students were arrested during Labor Day weekend in Virginia Beach, this year's "Laborfest '90" was more peaceful due to student cooperation with city leaders and smaller because of a student boycott.

Violence and disorder erupted last year during the anual back-to-school party, attended primarily by African-American students, when lack of planning left Virginia Beach unprepared for the 50,000 students who attended.

"African-American students were not made to feel welcome in the first place," said Jack Gravely, president of the Virginia chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). "The city's attitude was that they were a family town and they didn't want the students here."

Gravely added that the city passed laws such as jaywalking and open container measures that were aimed specifically at students.

"The all-white government seemed very insecure," Gravely said.

In response to last year's violence, Arthur Jarrett, president of the Student Government Association at Norfolk State University, convinced the Labor Day Review Commission to place himself and five other students on the Labor Day Coördination Committee.

"Police harrassment of students led to a lot of tensions in the air," Jarrett said. "What happened was almost inevitable."

Although the student boycott reduced the attendance by 20,000 this year, Jarrett feels that the weekend was successful due to student involvement in the planning.

"Anytime you go from 1,000 arrests to under 100," Jarrett said, "you know you've made a difference."

Light sees decade of choice ahead for Middlebury

The following is the second part of a two-part interview with President Timothy Light.

The Campus: Are there duties that will require you as president to leave campus on a regular basis?

President Light: Well, there is one that certainly will: fund-raising. That's a big part of the job and it's standard to say that the chief fund-raiser on a college campus is the president. Another one is keeping in touch with the wider Middlebury community. Already [scheduled] is one alumni visit per month and some of these visits have been [planned for] several days a month.

The Campus: Are you involved in any other organizations or projects outside of your responsibilities as president which will take you away from Middlebury?

President Light: Not to any great extent. I am on the Board of the Union Theological Seminary in Brooklyn where I studied...and I will still be somewhat involved in that... and a couple of other things....I have been trying to pull away from things ever since this past March when I realized what I was going to be doing at Middlebury. My chief focus is going to be here. One of the other things that I pulled away from is....the executive committee of the International Chinese Languages Association.

The Campus: There is a common feeling among students here that they are often not encouraged to participate in some of the major decisions of the college. Last year, for example, the student Judicial Council had one of their decisions overruled by the president. Also, there were very few students involved in the planning of the new student union or the arts center. Furthermore, students have no direct voice or participation in the financial planning of the college. How would you approach this perceived lack of student involvement in decision making?

President Light: If [an issue] looks like it is going to be something that is of considerable importance, consulting with student groups, faculty groups and staff groups will be very important for me. At the same time, ultimately, the people who are accountable for what happens to the school need to be called upon to make the decisions. And so the person who recommends things to the trustees is the president.

Now regarding students meeting trustees, I want to make sure that the trustees are actually meeting with groups of students over meals and so forth. That should happen at regular times...here on campus, except in October, simply because we've got a special meeting with the trustees, and we've got inauguration and we've got homecoming, I think we may just be too packed. But after that, students and faculty and staff should be at regular meetings...so that the trustees can listen [to them]. But when it comes to actual proposed changes, there is only one route that things go through: the trustees. And the trustees, by being better informed, by listening to a larger group of people on campus, will have a sense of how to evaluate the things that are proposed to them. But if we have things going on in too many directions no [system of] organization will work out.

And let me say one other thing and I think this is really important to understand: I believe very widely in consultation. I spent my life consulting with student groups, sometimes under very stressful circumstances.

But the time that one spends in college is only four years. If a project is a building...[it] may stay up a hundred and fifty years and the taste of one generation couldn't very well be replicated by the taste of another so it's really important to have decisions made by folks who have been around long enough to see things change...It's important that along with listening that there would be a dialogue and we can also say, "We have been through this once before twenty years ago and here's what happened. And we won't make such radical changes at this point because [of what] has been the [past] experience."

In the case of campus architecture, there was a period (again I am not talking about Middlebury because I have not been at Middlebury that long), where students wanted to have all single rooms that looked like cubicles. That period passed rather quickly and I am not sure how desirable that particular arrangement remains in the eyes of today's students. My guess is that probably the most desirable arrangement is one which offers flexibility. I am just guessing....but if you have only one type, you end up with a very large group of people [that are] unhappy rather than having some choices to choose among. And also, you don't want to be on the same floor for four years of college. You might want some choices that are different. In many cases, it takes a little age and a little experience to recognize that that's going to be the case...So consultation, yes, but after that accountability.

The Campus: Do you feel that the increase in tuitions in this era of belt-tightening will have a negative effect on the cultural and economic diversity of the student body and the quality of education at Middlebury?

President Light: In general, the nineties, for the United States, is going to be a decade of reality. We're not going to be able to have it all. We're all going to be making choices. Individuals are making choices on their budgets. Institutions like Middlebury are going to have to make choices. The United States government, which is the worst offender of all, instead of having it all, is going to have to make choices. We ought to be having leadership down in Washington involved in this, and what we're getting is the worst bunch of sheep you've ever seen, blaming everybody else.

Middlebury's going to have to make choices. If we want to do everything the cost will rise almost to the limit.

The Campus: What services do you reduce?

PL: Not too many. I'm not going to say.

The Campus: In light of the increasing tuition, what kind of pressure does that put on you in your role as fund-raiser?

PL: Well, I think the pressure's very much there in the role as fund-raiser. It's no joke. Fund-raising is a terribly important part of the job. At Kalamazoo, both as provost and as acting president, I spent a huge amount of time fund-raising and I expect the same thing at Middlebury. And there, it wasn't anywhere around what needs to be done [here]. Fortunately the cause is good. Middlebury is a very good institution.

The Campus: Where would you like to see Middlebury in 5 years?

PL: Well, I can answer it generally and say that...I want to see Middlebury in 5 years continuing to provide not only the best undergraduate education for the students of today, which will be 1995, but also poising itself for 15-20 years into the future, which is what Middlebury historically has done.

I have some ideas as to what that means, but I'm going to wait.

The Campus: When you were here in March, you remarked that by the end of the '90's, there would be no ethnic majority in the United States. The student body of Middlebury is certainly far from having no ethnic majority at this point. How do you plan to make Middlebury reflect this shift?

PL: Well, I think it's going to be difficult but I don't think it's impossible. I'm not going to prescribe how I exactly think it's going to be done because I need to know the Middlebury situation a whole lot better. What a decade of reality means is looking at the facts really square in the face. One of the facts is that we can't have it all financially, we've got to make choices, and that means on whether we use oil, and whether we use plastic, and when we throw things away in this country; all those things are related very directly to college costs. It also means looking at who we are as a country. We are no longer white middle class. It has already happened, very quickly; the high school aged population and the college aged population are very, very mixed. That means for Middlebury to keep on training leaders—because that's what Middlebury is in the business of doing—a very significant proportion of those leaders of the top people are going to be black, Asian, so on. It is just a statistic. So for [Middlebury] to be the most traditional we can be, and for us to remain true to our historical mission, that's what we have to do.

How do you put them together? In the 1880's Middlebury was close to going out of business. It didn't have enough students, the Civil War had hit Middlebury very hard, and the school couldn't pull students in. The first half of the 1880's was the decade in which Middlebury got on the right track for science, finally put in a modern library and went coeducational. It did all those things and with almost no money. And it reduced costs to the student. It actually reduced the cost to the student by building it's own dining hall, taking over dining services so that it reduced the cost to the students who mostly didn't live in Vermont, which was then a poor state.

[We can] find some way to do it! I don't know how exactly we're going to do it, but I've got a feeling looking at the history of this place that it has been so resilient throughout all of its history, that it's got the guts, the will, and the intelligence to do it.

Ragan Ryan

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on with their normal activities, his fraternity brothers acknowledge that Ragan's absence is strongly felt. His room on the first floor of the fraternity house was reassigned to another member of the fraternity, after members agreed that Ragan would have wanted it that way.

Ragan is survived by his father, a Middlebury class of '54 alumnus and his mother who live in Houston, and his brother Kemper '89, who currently lives in Washington, D.C.

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Early morning Forest fire prompts dorm evacuation

By Stephanie Johnson

Students living in Forest awoke early this past Sunday morning to blaring fire alarms and the gruff commands of Middlebury College Security officers ordering them to evacuate the building.

At approximately 5:30 a.m. Security night watchman David Winborn found the main hallway on the third floor of Forest rapidly filling with smoke. He immediately notified Campus Security Director Peter Chenevert, and the Middlebury Fire Department was called to the scene. Shortly thereafter, security officers activated the fire alarm and evacuated the dorm.

Chenevert said the fire started in a student's room on the third floor. He identified the cause of the fire as a cigarette butt which had fallen from an ashtray and lay smoldering on a carpet next to a pile of clothes.

Chenevert praised Winborn and Security Officer Arthur Prime for their quick response to the crisis.

"A couple minutes longer on their response and a bad situation could have been a whole lot worse," Chenevert said.

Firefighters and Campus security officers said not enough time had elapsed for the smoldering carpet to erupt into flames, so that their main task was to identify the source of the fire and clear the smoke.

Shivering in the early dawn, Forest residents huddled outside dorm entrances for nearly forty minutes before being allowed back inside.

There was no significant damage to the room, but Chenevert said that "there was quite a hole in the rug and the floor was scorched."

Chenevert said that the student had removed the battery from the smoke detector in her room because she is a smoker, and cigarette smoke can often set off the fire alarm.

Although tampering with fire safety equipment carries a $50 fine, Chenevert indicated that removing smoke detector batteries is a common practice among students who smoke.

No disciplinary action has been taken against the student, but Chenevert said that she "will be seeing the deans."

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reality, the ethical principles of individuals, and the ways in which individuals can address the environmental crisis.

The environmental crisis is a result of an unbalanced relationship between humanity and nature, he said.

"Because things do exist and have form...they exist only as a consequence of the aggragation of many factors...When things lack an interdependent existence there is a possibility of dilluting them within ourselves," he said.

"Taking care of the planet is nothing sacred; [it is] like taking care of one's house. [You] have no other house; [we have] no other planet—[we] have to take care of our place."

"So long as someone is a living being, be it an animal or human being, it has an innate sense of self," he continued. "Stemming from an innate sense of self is an innate desire for individual happiness innate to all human beings. We can say the purpose of life is happiness because life exists on the basis of hope, the hope of happiness. There is a direct connection between the understanding of ecology and nature and the Buddhist principle of interdependence in terms of causes and conditions."

The Dalai Lama then focused the rest of his speech towards the steps individuals can take to address the environmental crisis.

Because "crises emerge as consequences of certain causes and conditions, principle among them ignorance," scientists and educators have a moral obligation to overcome ignorance to develop understanding and knowlege of the environmental crisis, he said.

Yet while humanity must be made aware, according to His Holiness, it is compassion, not knowledge, that is essential to saving the environment. Despite an understanding of the problem, an individual might not be moved to action because of lack of compassion, he said.

"Human affection is the key for human kindness, for human survival," said His Holiness. "Even without religion you can survive, you can manage, but you need human affection; without that, you cannot survive. So therefore human affection and love...this is something of the basic human nature," he said

His Holiness concluded that, ultimately, finding solutions to the world's environmental problems will depend not on the actions of nations or religious groups, but on every member of society.

"Human effort on global matters must come first from the individual. Each of us should have a sense of responsibility." The Dalai Lama added, "It is unrealistic to expect through such a conference to find a solution but through constant effort and discussion [solutions can be found]."

Geonomics

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cally, Washington and New York, gathered at Breadloaf to discuss how to go about privatization and the introduction of capitalism to Eastern European countries.

In comparison to the euphoria expressed in the popular press over the political events, the economic view is much more grim. Pessimism stems from the attitude voiced in the keynote speech of the seminar by Peter Rona, President of the IBJ Schroder Bank & Trust Co, specifically the feeling that things are going to get worse before they get better.

"Cultural factors come into play," explained Claudon, "These people aren't used to capitalism. You can't expect them to learn overnight how to become an entrepreneur. The whole system isn't set up for it."

Catherine Sokil, Assistant Professor of Economics, and a particpant from Middlebury College, said "The economic reforms are mundane and painful issues that these countries are going to have to solve."

She unlike some, is optimistic about the situation. "The representatives from Czechoslovakia could draw from the experiences of Poland and Hungary," countries she feels are, "quantitatively ahead" of the process. In Poland's case, by the 'shock therapy' strategy of the government and in Hungary, a more slower paced concensus model of adaptation of the economy.

According to many of the people involved the symposium was especially useful to the large contingent of Eastern European business people who are able to form valuble business contacts and network among themselves. Saba Ahmed, 91' who sat in on some of the discussions, said she was "very impressed" and surprised at the pessimism of the "business-oriented persepective of the meetings. I had only thought of the potential of the opportunities and new markets but it's a very risky and unpredictable situation."

The Institutes' next symposium will be held in April, with the Baltic states as a possible topic. Until then the newsletter and publications of the seminar topics are available to interested students. Future plans for the Geonomics Institute include a possible Soviet and East European Economics library on the second floor of the building.

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ARTS

Eclectic collection features faculty arts and crafts

By Aimee Young

Here at Middlebury we often get a chance to see the works of visiting artists; we get a chance to see the works of student artists; we even get to sometimes see the works of some of the great artists. However, rarely do we get a chance to see the works of the faculty artists. This week we were offered that chance. The Second Annual Arts and Crafts Show opened in Johnson Pit Gallery on September 11. It is an eclectic, motley, colorful quilt of an exhibit, offering something by everyone and for everyone.

Indeed, quilt is a key word here, as one of the most impressive items on display was just that: a beautiful, hand-made "Mosaic," as June LaFountain, Custodian at the Service Building, titled her work. Four years and 12,000 pieces of cloth went into it, she says proudly.

Another piece of interest was Sueli Gaewsky's handmade Brazilian lace. Gaewsky is an evening supervisor at the circulation desk in Starr Library on campus, and contributed the ornate black lace high-collared top to the exhibit. Other handcrafted items on display were Linda McLaughlin's ribboned wreath, knitted sweaters, and cloth photo album. McLaughlin works as the Secretary of Japanese at the College and is obviously very crafty in her free time. Delicate porcelain dolls were donated to the exhibition by David and Jane Marcum, Library Assistants in Middlebury's Music Library. Exquisite knitted items and pillows were given by Joan Allen, Clerical Assistant in Old Chapel, and by Lil Marcotullio of the Mailing Service. Also handcrafted were Security Dispatcher Beth Wilkinson's bas-relief paper Tole pictures, Secretary of Russian Nina Crow Dayton's careful embroidery, and Sunderland Language Lab's Budget Assistant Karen Andrews' gorgeous persimmon woven top.

However, there was much more than crafts there. Photography ranged from the zoomed scientific detail of Patricia Noll's close-up spider web, to pensive faces of children in Nina Crow Dayton's work, to rugged, reflective landscapes in Associate Librarian Han Raum's shots of Pemaquid Light, Maine. The most impressive and innovative photographs were those taken by Hugh Coyle, Administrative Director at the Breadloaf School of English. His flair for playing with light and windows showed in how he creatively combined portrait with still-life in "Still Ceremony," how he captured moving clouds in "Winter Window," and how he cleverly made a frosty window look like a Victorian carving in "Ice Screen." Coyle also was the creator of the only sculpture in the exhibit, an Easter Island eggholder.

The exhibit offered a chance for staff to have poetry read as well. Janiçe Ketcham, Secretary of Music in Johnson, writes about time, life cycles, and unending life in her traditionally rhyming, refreshingly simple poems. Meanwhile Gary Margolis, Director of Counseling and Human Relations, eloquently reflects on "rusty apples," goodbyes to parents, and "the uncanny past of a poem" in "Walking Freshmen to the Frost Cabin."

The College Faculty also had much to offer as far as paintings and drawings. Barbara Prime, Dispatcher at Campus Security, had painted and sketched scenes from nature including deer, Indians, and mountains. She also displayed a pencil portrait of the former president with the words, "To Ronald Reagan" in the corner.

Library Associate Michael Warner was showing mostly oil on canvas, including a Picasso-inspired nude. In spite of his apparent Cubist influence in rearranging the body parts, Warner made use of circles rather than squares.

Fleur Laslocky, Supervisor of the Interlibrary Loan in Starr Library, had done an interesting painting featuring a metallic melting plane and sharp, obnoxiously bright zigzags divided by a diagonal; sort of a Brady Bunch meets Star Trek effect. The edges of her stripes were fabric-accurate and it was definitely the most unique painting in the show.

Andrew Schubert, also a Library Assistant, had done some intriguing pen and ink drawings that suggested changing times and Eastern influence. One called "Looking Out at the World" depicted Pete Rose, unemployment lines, a lake-like mass with a city-like structure behind it, and a religious figure resembling Ghandhi or the Dalai Lama. His openness to interpretation and wide world view made one want to see more.

Megan Battey, Slide Curator in Johnson Memorial Gallery, showed particular talent with her charcoal and pencil nudes and brightly colored oil on canvas. Her attention to detail and proportion was impressive. However, by far the most touching and aesthetically perfect piece in the whole exhibit was her watercolor "Breezeway," depicting sun slanting in a door. It was a gem, simply for its color and sensitivity, and Noirish use of horizontal and vertical lines of light.

Sponsored by the Staff Council, the exhibit will run through September 20.

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Art and nature united in exhibit

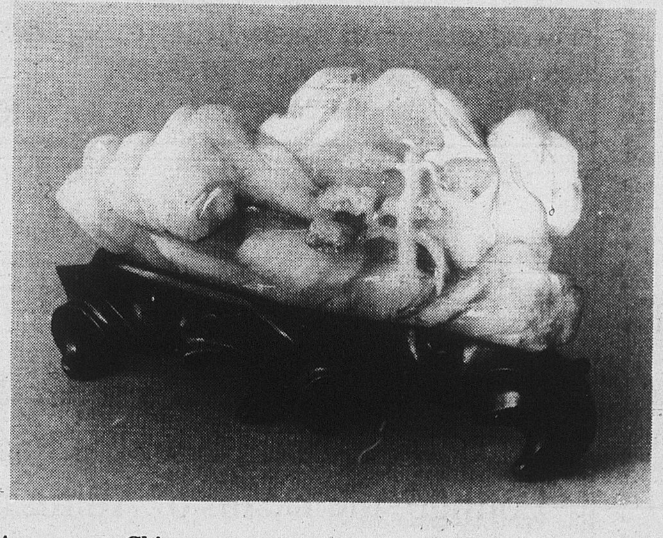
By Nona Adamson

The words in the entrance of the Johnson Gallery read: "The gallery as a whole has been conceived as a tree of life." When one enters the gallery and experiences the versatile works included in the "Spirit and Nature" exhibit, it can be seen that nothing is more true than this statement. The works of art and quotations all sprout from the Arlyn Table by George Nakashima. It is hard not to imagine the table as a Redwood tree in the center of the gallery with the pieces of art on its branches. Every minute new, hidden things are found in this table, making it difficult to move on without spending a decent length of time appreciating it. I can see through the other works that they were inspired by or sprouted from the Arlyn Table, the tree, the very fundamental symbol of nature.

In this exhibit, the works vary widely in religion, time era, and medium, and under other circumstances, or perhaps if it had been arranged differently, the exhibit would not be as powerful as it is. Although there is no doubt that these works can stand on their own, it is just so exciting and revealing to view them as a part of the whole.

Albert Schweitzer wrote, "A man is ethical only when life, as such, is sacred to him, that of plants and animals as that of his fellow man, and when he devotes himself helpfully to all life that is in the need of help." This kind of deep devotion to life and its components can be seen in Georgia O'Keefe's "Leaves of a Plant:" its richness of color helps to show that something so simple can be so incredibly beautiful. "Timber Wolf" by Lynn Rogers captures a serene, almost sad look in the eyes of a wolf. The antithesis of this is in "Atomic Bomb Explosion" by Harold Edgerton. This piece illustrates the awesome power that man can wield over nature.

Hours could be spent and pages could be written on the interpretations of all these wonderful works;, however, the root of it all is in the tree.



Anonymous, Chinese
Chinese Brush Rest 1644-1912, Ching Dynasty
Jade carving on wooden base
Collection of Robert P. Youngman '64, New York

Winter's Consort combines music and environment

By Sarah Humphries

On Friday, September 14, the Paul Winter Consort, a group of musicians specializing in environmentally-inspired music, played in conjunction with the Spirit and Nature symposium held this weekend.

Because the program drew on jazz, African, Brazilian, and classical symphony influences, the music offered something for everyone. The Consort featured soprano and alto saxophones, oboe, English horn, 12-string and classic guitars, cello, percussion and, of course, sounds of nature.

The consort, which played in Memorial Field House, consisted of flautist Rhonda Carson, percussionist Glen Velez, pianist Paul Halley, cellist Eugene Friesen, and Paul Winter on soprano saxophone.

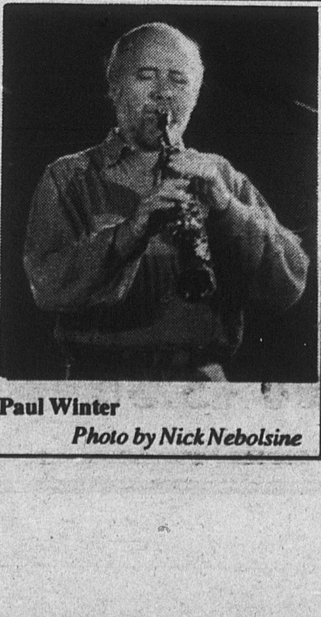
The music the consort shared with their audience, although it varied considerably, possessed a common environmental denomiator. Winter traveled through Newfoundland, British Columbia, and Bermuda to record the song of the humpback whale on underwater microphones. He used the recording as inspiration and accompaniment to a piece dedicated to the whale. Other effects the consort chose to incorporate into their music were the sound of a howling wolf in "Wolf Eyes" and a piece inspired by a trip down the Colorado River, with a bird call particular to the river sounding in the background.

Although the majority of the music played was experimental, the group showed a clear appreciation for classical music. The group played a beautiful rendition of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," as well as another Bach selection played solely by Winter.

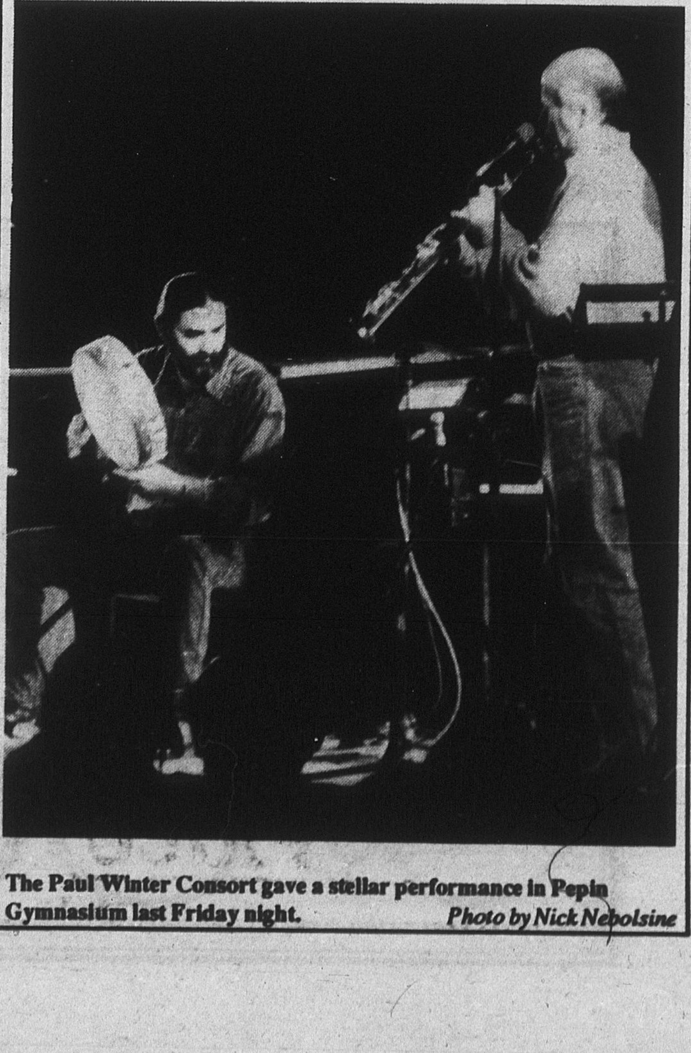
In addition to previously-published music, the concert featured masterful improvisations by each of the group members. The group strove to reach their audience not only with the beauty and sometimes jazziness of their music, but also with their message of concern about the environment and the awareness of the people inhabiting the planet today.

The people attending the concert, many more from the town of Middlebury than from the College itself, proved to be enthusiastic and responsive to the group's music, as well as their message. Winter asked the audience to join in with the band and howl to honor the wolf as an animal which "has been feared and misunderstood for centuries."

The concert ended with an African folk song and a song about a circle being formed of friends and sunlight, accompanied by an invitation for the audience to sing along. The concert was moving and very powerful. Winter spoke very seriously and sensitively about an issue that requires much attention: the ecological crisis and the vulnerability of our planet. Their music showed great respect for the contributions nature has made to music. It was a wonderful addition to a weekend showing concern for the world around us.



Paul Winter
Photo by Nick Nebolsine



The Paul Winter Consort gave a stellar performance in Pepin Gymnasium last Friday night. *Photo by Nick Nebolsine*

Bubbles, babies, birthdays brought to life

By Wendy Rivenburgh

Bubbles, blocks, balloons, beans, buttons, brownies, and babies brought life to the Municipal Gym on the afternoon of Saturday, September 15th. Celebrating twenty years in business, the Mary Johnson Children's Centre hosted a Children's Festival for area families.

The rain dancing on the walk outside the building in no way dampened the spirits of the hundred youthful enthusiasts who bounced off the walls inside. The organizers had arranged such a fun-filled schedule of events that the kids raced around in joyful indecision, uncertain of which attraction to tackle next.

The Hardscrable Band launched the festivities, folowed by Jon Gailmor and the cutting of the birthday cake. The Wildwood Marionette Company then took the stage to be followed by select Vermont politicians who read their dearest children's stories.

Competing with the special performers, the various play stations proved incredibly successful. Excited revellers dashed from the "Ooblick" (a gunky cornstarch and water mixture) to the Design-A-Button table. After one boy affirmed that he was having lots of fun, by confessing, "I made two buttons: '#1 Cool Dude' for me, and 'Not a Cool Dude' for my Dad."

They kept off the trampolines just long enough to make playdough cuisine. Inspired by the surprisingly detailed drawings of facepainters, the children created their own unique Spin Art masterpieces to proudly display before Mommy and Daddy. Distracted from the bean basin complete with scoops and strainers, they approached the box of kittens and held out eager, gentle hands.

Throughout the entire day, the theme revolved around patting, sifting, throwing, piling, squishing, and just plain playing with the numerous toys. The kids were encouraged, even expected to immerse themselves in the delight peculiar to each amusement. Unlike the "hands-off" restrictions at stores and perhaps Grandma's house where nothing can be moved at all costs, the opportunity to touch every little point of curiosity allowed the children to truly experience their surroundings.

In too many settings, inquisitive youngsters are prevented from or admonished for wanting to explore their immediate world. As one official helper maintains, "I think hands-on is the way to learn."

The children innately agree with this notion, as depicted by the instances when they peeked behind the marionette curtain or spectated from virtually atop the stage. They investigated everything, only transfixed temporarily by the puppet show before crawling, "leapfrogging", and tirelessly leading exhausted parents to the new attraction which caught their fancies. The beaming faces of families beholding their accomplishments conveyed an invaluable message of love and pride. One pleased parent commented, "This has been such a treat, it is like a big birthday party!" The overriding sense of community was reflected in the mother and daughter who made faces at each other, the toddler with the curly, blond hair who determinedly scorned the Matchbox cars in favour of his father's wallet, and the audience which commenced the applause tentatively until everyone joined in.

All the years in operation have yielded several photo albums containing memories of Mary Johnson alumni. Tee-shirts bearing the centre's logo ensured that the day would not be forgotten. Then again, festivities composed of such boundless energy would be remembered anyway. An exuberant girl expressed the happy atmosphere with typical youthful optimism: "I made bubbles - they were huge. They went from the table all the way over there!"

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VERMONT
HAPPENINGS

- **Bob Newhart** brings his stand-up routine to Vermont for the first time ever Fri., Oct. 5 at 8:00 pm in Burlington's Memorial Auditorium, with the Vermont Jazz Ensemble opening up. Tickets at Flynn Theatre Box Office ($27.50, $23.50, and $15.50). Call 802-86-FLYNN.

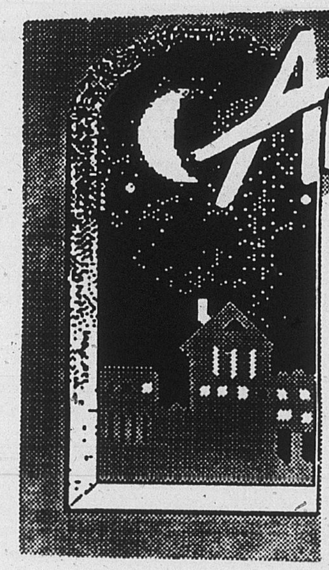
- **UVM Royall Tyler Theatre** presents *The Foreigner* Oct. 3-6 at 8:00 pm with Sat. matinee at 2:00 pm. A hilarious comedy demonstrating what can happen when a group of devious characters must deal with a stranger who (they think) knows no English. Tickets on sale at Box Office (open 10:00 am-5:00 pm) starting Sept. 26. Call 656-2094.

- **Burlington Film Society** presents *Tragedy of a Ridiculous Man* on Sun. Sept. 23 at 7 pm in City Hall Auditorium. A 1981 Italian film by Bertolucci about a man who, after witnessing the kidnapping of his son, becomes involved in a chain of events that cause him to doubt what he saw. With English subtitles. $4 general, $2 members.

- **UVM Lane Film Series** presents "Masculine/Feminine", a French 1966 film by Godard on Weds. Sept. 26 at 7:30 pm in the Fleming Museum, Room 101 in Burlington. $3/ticket. For more info. call 656-4455 between 8:30 am-4:00 pm.

- **Peace Corps** volunteers will be at Middlebury on Weds., Oct. 17 in Woodstove Lounge from 12-7:00 pm, with a film seminar and discussion following in Sunderland Room 123 from 7:30-9:30, and again on Thurs., Oct. 18 for interviews in the CC&P Office from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Call for details (617)-565-5555.

* **Burlington Metropolitan Art Gallery** is holding an exhibit through the month of October by self-taught artist Calvin Collins. Painting since age 13, his favorite subject is nature. "Twenty Years of Watercolors" contrasts free forms of nature with the measured structures of human life.



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FEATURES

Random Notes

A column by Chris Piehler

On Saturday, a crowd of thousands that had been assembling in the Memorial Field House for over two hours stood and was, with the exception of a single mewling child, absolutely silent. The Dalai Lama had entered the building, and I hadn't been in such a huge, quiet room since French class on a Monday morning. This fifty-five year old man with glasses, stooped posture and a tendency to laugh at his own jokes held the throng entranced simply by walking. I found myself smiling a huge and probably idiotic smile, but it didn't matter. This was the fourteenth reincarnation of the Boddhisatva of Compassion. A god on earth, he had smiled at me on Friday while carrying a tray laden with the best that Proctor had to offer.

During the few minutes it took His Holiness (or as his friends and fellow basketball players call him, The Presence) to reach the stage, I found myself thinking of another man of whom the millions never tired, no matter what he did. His effigy probably appears in millions of American homes, and worshipers make pilgrimages to his house. He has thousands of imitators and has come close to legitimizing velvet art. People today consider it a huge windfall to own his fingernail clippings. I refer, of course, to Elvis Presley.

Why, you might ask, are these two men (whose lives seem to the layman to be in no way connected) inextricably linked in my mind? Simply because I believe that both of their bodies serve merely as conduits for a spirit that was reincarnated in them. It has been accepted for hundreds of years that each successive Dalai Lama is a reincarnation of the previous one (and, therefore, the spiritual descendent of the first), but in the case of Elvis, a bit more explanation is in order.

Here's how I see it. Elvis, like Santa Claus, is far more important as a spirit than as an actual physical person. Just as any plumber, veterinarian or systems analyst can put on a white beard, red suit and lots of blush and recreate for some the ultimate symbol of Christmas and pure benevolence, scores of impersonators the world over have summoned part of the rebellious, sexual, multimedia magic of Elvis. Realizing this made me ponder a bit. The combination of the Lama's visit and my viewing of Nicolas Cage's amazing performance in *Wild at Heart* helped me to hone my theory.

Cage showed that he has more of what we think of as the spirit of Elvis than Presley himself showed during the remorselessly commercial final years of his life. If the spirit of the Dalai Lama had apparently been passed on, then why assume that Elvis was the first in line to carry *his* spirit? This led me to look through history for other Elvises and, sure enough, it seems like there have been lots of them. What follows is a partial list of earlier incarnations of the Man in the Leather Jumpsuit, each of whom transcended mere politics, science, music or philosophy and offered up to the alert historian at least one recognizable attribute linking him to the Elvis we know.

Probably the earliest evidence of the existence of the Elvisatva comes from the writings of Plato. His writ-

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Youngsters delight in visit with Dalai Lama

By Rebecca Haskell

As group after group of grade schoolers filed underneath two tents set up outside Hadley House on Friday morning, I crouched among them (adults were restricted to areas outside the tents) and was briefed about the Dalai Lama:

"He has glasses and no hair."

"He wears a red and yellow robe."

"Yeah, he wears a red and blue robe."

"He wears glasses like me."

Evidently the kids had been learning about His Holiness all week long in preparation for the special talk he would have with them that morning.

"It's exciting," Lynette Noble and Laurie Wells of the Mary Hogan School told me. "Our class made a scroll for him. We all signed our names on it, and then we rolled it up. College kids came in this week and talked to us about [the Dalai Lama]."

Local children had the opportunity to pose questions to Tibet's spiritual leader. *Photo by Jackie Belden*

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I looked around at the groups. A minority of the kids were laughing and talking as if it were just another field trip, but on the whole I was amazed at how well-informed and well-prepared the grade schoolers were for their meeting. Many of them had solemn or even apprehensive faces. Although a child did surface who informed me earnestly the Dalai Lama would look like "a dude with a dress," the group as a whole was tremendously respectful and aware of both the Dalai Lama's background and of the issues of environment and world peace surrounding his visit.

As I crept back to my spot outside the tent, about five yards away from the chair where the Dalai Lama would sit, a hush came over all of us. Kids stirred on the grass as Joanne Lopez-Hill announced the approach of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Everyone rose and stood in relative silence.

We waited for about two minutes before we were told it was a false alarm. The Dalai Lama was still being interviewed inside Kirk Alumni Center. The kids groaned and sat down again. Five minutes later and much quieter than the first time, all rose, and I strained to see the tip of the Dalai Lama's close-shaven head as he emerged through the tent's opening. I have never witnessed such silence from a large group of young children or adults.

After seating himself on a lawn chair before the kids, he played quietly with a long white feather for a moment, then exchanged it for a white carnation offered to him by a child up front.

"You remind me of this, you young human beings. You are like this fresh flower, very fresh," he said. His Holiness told them that this gave him some hope; it gave him a very long-term vision.

"I have some questions, may I ask?" he inquired, still contemplating the flower in his hands then looking up. "Raise hands. Who loves their mother more?" A few hands went up. "Who loves their father more?" More hands.

"Do you prefer deep and real affection or a toy?" he asked.

"A toy is a thing you get, but affection is from the heart," offered one young girl. "You can buy toys, but you can't buy affection."

The Dalai Lama nodded and laughed in the same odd little contagious way that he would periodically throughout the meeting.

"Do you often get angry?" His Holiness asked, nodding his head, trying to prompt the children to say yes.

"No!" a few kids shouted emphatically.

"Oh marvelous!" laughed the Dalai Lama. "Then you're not like me. I should learn from you."

"Do you feel the next century will be very different?" asked the Dalai Lama. The young students cited pollution as a major factor affecting the potential of the next century. One boy mentioned people wasting "the earth's treasures."

"What are your feelings towards animals like insects? You don't like them very much do you?" he questioned.

"If animals weren't here, we wouldn't be here!" a boy shouted.

"I like insects, but if there's a mosquito all I want to do is slap it," one girl confessed, looking guiltily at His Holiness.

"Oh, very practical!" exclaimed the Dalai Lama grinning. "But how did you get these thoughts on animals....?"

"They just sort of popped up in my brain" was one response. "They're just there" was another.

"What do you think of religion?" asked the Dalai Lama seriously. "Is it important or can we manage without it? It's not necessary is it? Do you feel neutral about it?"

Responses varied from "You can believe what you want" to "You need religion to tell you how to feel".

Without being cynical, these children were unusually graceful and well-informed. The Dalai Lama seemed to be gradually increasing the difficulty of his "testing" of their views.

"What do you think of very beautiful weapons and uniforms? Very attractive isn't it? Why is war bad? We gain through war by destroying people who do something wrong, don't we?"

The question hung in the air a little longer than the previous ones until a girl responded, "No. People might think they look great in nice uniforms, but they don't think about how many lives will be lost." Another girl offered, "People should talk things out. They might think war will make things better, but it only makes things worse." "People destroy the earth in war," one boy told the group. "They make big, big bombs, and the bombs can take a chunk right out of the earth."

"Do you find war films on television exciting?" asked the Dalai Lama encouragingly.

A blond boy in the middle stood

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Freshman volunteers aid in area renovations

By Kristin Coviello

The weekend before Freshman Orientation, the Student Volunteer Office offered a Volunteer Preview program for interested freshmen and transfer students. Twenty-three student applications were accepted.

The participants were exposed to people of varying backgrounds and lifestyles and introduced to the needs of some of their neighbors in Middlebury.

Abdul Kalaff '91, one of the volunteer group leaders, felt that "when you come to Middlebury, you have the attitude that everything is as beautiful, rich and well-maintained as the college campus. Yet only five minutes away from the college, you can see the reality and the poverty that do exist."

Through slides of Addison County, the students were introduced to the neighborhoods in which they would be helping.

During mornings and afternoons, the volunteers cleaned up and renovated several public care projects.

At the Parent Child Center, a day-care center for children and unwed mothers, as well as at Weybridge Elementary School, volunteers worked hard to clean up the yard areas and to panel and paint the buildings.

At low-income housing projects they performed construction work and painted the newly-renovated buildings.

Tom Plumb, Director of the Addison County Community Action Group, organized the two housing site renovations, one in Middlebury and one in Vergennes. The Vergennes project, which was once threatened with possible conversion to condominiums, was renovated solely through the labor of volunteers. The finished sites became Perpetually Affordable Housing, which saved many tenants from leaving their homes.

It was "kind of a neat feeling to know that, because of what we had done, some people were going to have a new home," said participant Brady Clough '94.

At the end of the weekend's work, the volunteers got together at the Cider Mill apple orchard where they picked their own apples and made cider. At Lake Dunmore they played volleyball, went hiking and discussed their experiences of the last two days. The overall opinion of the program was quite enthusiastic.

Because of their involvement with the volunteer program "these students are more likely to be motivated to get involved in volunteering and even in partaking of other extracurricular activities," felt Cindy Siegel '92, a group leader.

In agreement, Terri Shirshac '94 expressed a commonly held opinion that "the idea of getting involved in the community and getting us to meet new students was very successful."

"When you come to Middlebury, you have the attitude that everything is as beautiful, rich and well-maintained as the college campus. Yet only five minutes away from the college, you can see the reality and the poverty that do exist."

—Abdul Kalaff '91

Common Meal acts as reminder to cherish earth's gifts

By Kristan Schillar

Filled with the vitality of words from the wise and the holy, hundreds of people poured out of Mead Chapel on Sunday, September 16. The spirit of the Common Meal flowed in full force. With the sun peeking out of a spotted sky and a cool Vermont breeze touching all, Middlebury's green was the ideal place for a celebration of the earth and our love for it as inhabitants.

Once assembled, over a thousand people from the town of Middlebury, the college community and all over the world joined together in a circle around Tenzin Gyatso, His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, as he blessed the bread which was to be broken and passed from hand to hand through the crowd. Participants in this last event of the Spirit and Nature Conference ate the bread as a gift of the earth and as a reminder of our common quest to both nourish and cherish it.

Having eaten the bread blessed by the hands of the Dalai Lama, I was mesmerized by the peacefulness of the moment and unaware that I would soon be touched by those hands myself. I wandered in a daze over to the center, fueled by a nervous high and drawn in by this awesome man.

Could he offer a message for the students unable to attend the meal? In addition to a gentle smile, yes, he did have a message.

"Be a good student," he said. "I, myself, was a very lazy student, so now I have regretted it yet. So, you should not do like that. But in the meantime, while you develop the brain ... [it is] equally important [to] keep a good heart. Very important. Because a good heart and a good brain go together."

A crowd gathers as the Dalai Lama breaks bread for the Common Meal. *Photo by Nick Nebolsine*

Ann Roberts, standing in for Native Elder Audrey Shenandoah of the Onondaga Nation who had been called back to her tribe, finished the Common Meal with a prayer.

Giving praise for each of the four directions, Roberts led the crowd as she turned toward each, saying, "We send a voice to the South, to the place that brings us the element of fire, our brother the sun, to the place where we grow into ourselves. It is fitting, at this time, that we should... gather our minds and our hearts together in thanksgiving. Also, in the south, we stand as students, as learning, and we give thanks for all of us, all of the student in us, who came together this time, bringing an open mind and an open heart, asking to receive understanding, that we could carry into our lives...

"We send a voice to the West, to the place of night, to the place of inner knowing, to the place of the element of water that was with us, so beautifully, this weekend. The rains that came to wash away the blind places in us ... the places that could not see, the places that were not hearing ...

"We send our voice to the North, to the place of the sky, to the place where the element of air is represented in Native American tradition. To the winds, which came while we were working, stirring our minds and our hearts, caressing us, opening our thoughts. Also, the West is the place of wisdom and the place of the ancestors...

"Moving, finally, to the East, to the place of light, to the place of being born, the place of inner knowing, to the place where we all meet to seek our vision.

"We send our voice, gathering ourselves in thanksgiving, asking that each one of us, as we go from here, can go into ourselves and find the particular things, in our own space and our own lives, that we can do for healing, for caring of the mother earth and all her creatures and all the beings who dwell on her face...."

The common meal completed, the conference was commemorated with the planting of a small maple in front of Munroe Hall. The tree was blessed by the Dalai Lama, Middlebury College President Timothy Light and Chaplain John Walsh. Onlookers placed earth upon its roots.

The "chief of trees in New England," according to Audrey Shenandoah, the maple is to serve as a reminder of our commitment to the environment. It is also a symbol of our connection to the earth and the great cycle of life that binds us together.

"The tree," Chaplain Walsh stated in prayer, "will always be a living reminder of the precarious beauty of that cycle, and every time we see it, we will be blessed by it as we seek to become a blessing for it, and to her, this earth."

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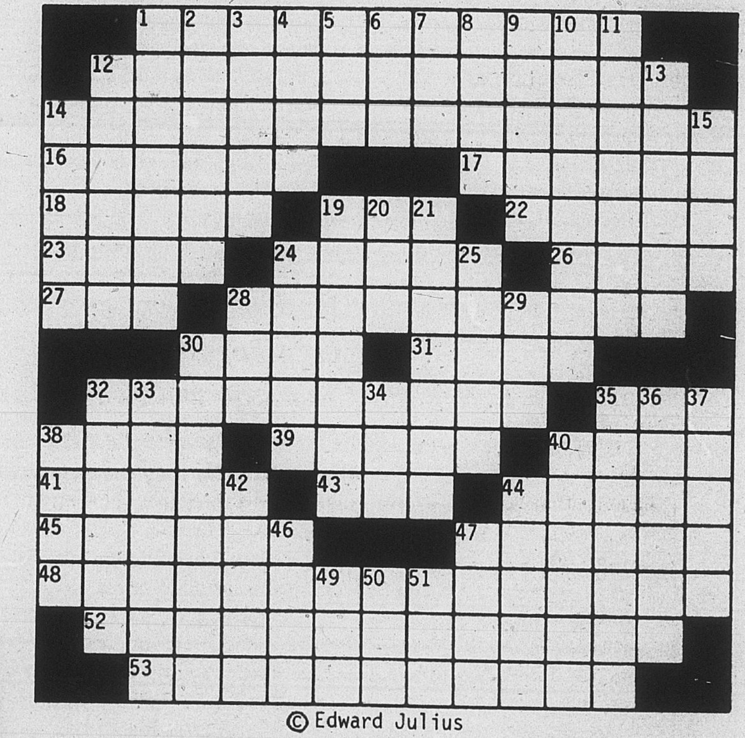

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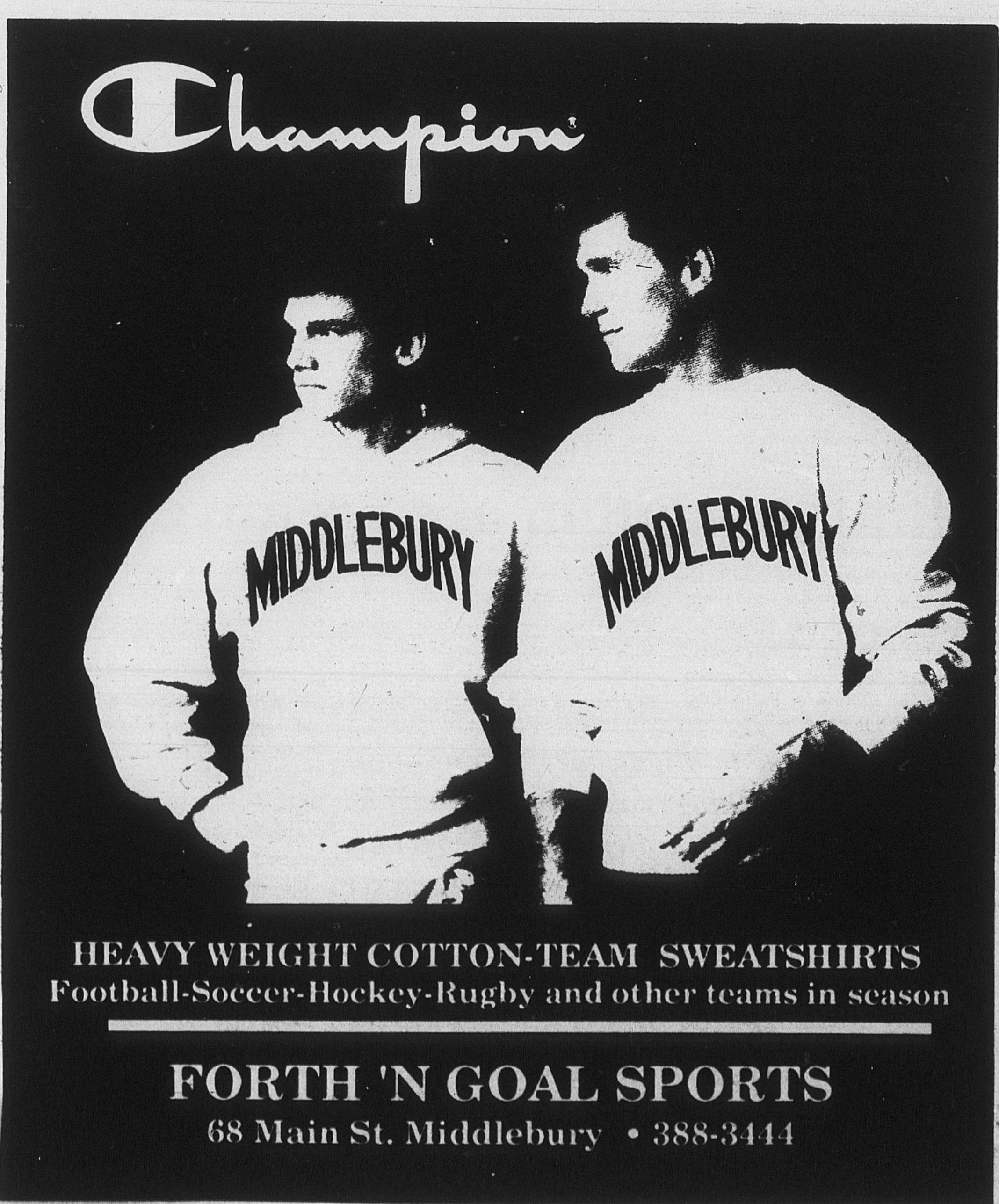

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Tibetan visitors journey to see religious leader

By Kate Maloney

The Banners of Humanity, hanging on either side of the stage in Pepin Gymnasium during the weekend's Spirit and Nature Conference represented the colors of the subdivisions of the human race, in the words of their designer. The banners seemed particularly appropriate in light of the many visitors of varied backgrounds who traveled from far and wide to attend the symposium and hear His Holiness the Dalai Lama speak.

The Tibetan contingency of visitors stood out in number as well as in dedication to the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of their country who is living in exile in India. For many of the Tibetan visitors, the symposium offered a chance to come together culturally.

Kara Hordlow '90, who helped to accommodate the Tibetan visitors at the Breadloaf Campus during the weekend, estimated that about 40 Tibetans, most of whom are from the Boston area, came to see the Dalai Lama.

The classrooms near the barn at Breadloaf were set up for them as a place they could sleep and spread out, the way they are used to. Most of them do not have very much money, so we wanted to make them comfortable without it costing too much," Hordlow said.

She said many of the Tibetans brought their own food, and Saturday night had a spontaneous gathering, with the Tibetan music and dancing. "The people really had a chance to get together as Tibetans and share cultural traditions," Hordlow noted.

Hordlow said most of them knew each other already from living in the Boston area. Many came with relatives. In fact, 34 members of one extended family made the trip from Boston to Middlebury.

Jampa Palsang, 20, is a daughter in this family. A sophomore at Wheaton College in Massachusetts, she attended the 1984 conference, "Christ and the Bodhisattva," when the Dalai Lama first visited Middlebury.

Frank Kelley, Director of College Residential Life, met Palsang in 1984 when she was attending the Boston Latin School. He kept in touch with her the past few years and wrote to invite her to the Spirit and Nature Conference.

"She wrote back saying that she would love to come, and asked if she could bring her family. That meant, she said, 34 people," explained Kelley.

Palsang, who came to the United States in 1978, said her parents fled Tibet during the Chinese Cultural Revolution in 1959 and relocated in India.

She has not only heard the Dalai Lama speak before, but met him when she was six years old. She said her family received a private audience with His Holiness when her father was sick because they had traveled a long way to see him.

Palsang echoed the sentiments of several other Tibetan visitors when she spoke of the Dalai Lama.

"He speaks to you almost like a father, which is appropriate because, really, he is our father," she said.

Her friend, Sonam, wearing the traditional dress of long, flowing skirts with colorful woven aprons seen on many of the Tibetan women visiting Middlebury, said she is looking forward to the day when the Dalai Lama can reclaim Tibet from the Chinese.

Palsang said the Tibetan people are working towards the day when Tibet is theirs again.

Thirty-four members of one extended family made the trip from Boston to Middlebury.

"We are right now holding elections in our government-in-exile in India," she said. Tibetans in the Boston area received ballots from the government, based in Dharamsala, India, she said.

Palsang said she finds students at Wheaton very unaware of the Tibetan situation.

"I want to improve this awareness," she said, "and I think that education is most important."

Palsang, her relatives and the other Tibetan visitors all were eager to share their feelings about Tibet and the Dalai Lama.

"It was an honor to be here," one remarked.

Events brought crowds from far and near. *Photo by Jackie Belden*

Elvis

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ings detail the exploits of Socrates, a man whom the elders of Athens put to death because they couldn't understand his amazing power to make the young rebel against the old order. He was accused of presenting novel deities and was guilty. What the city didn't know was that he was the first of the line of new, commercial gods. Philosophy was the rock 'n' roll of his era, and he could play it like no one else. He was funny, he was a bit rude at times, and he wasn't afraid to hit the wine a little heavy when chatting about universal ignorance. Shoot, he was even in *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*.

After the untimely death of the first Elvisatva, the spirit lay dormant for a few centuries, waiting for a suitable body to inhabit. It found one in medieval England in the person of Sir Lancelot du Lake. Sure, he didn't have a huge cult of followers like Socrates, but he sure had a way with the ladies. I mean, in those days, it took a lot to seduce a king's wife. His charisma and charm are one of the constants of the Arthurian legends, as is the fact that, like many of the line, he was doomed to an early death.

Anyone who has seen the movie *Amadeus*, and taken it, as I have, as a perfectly accurate historical document, will know that Mozart was obviously a reincarnation of the Elvisatva. He was the first of the line to show the musical talent that we associate with the spirit. He flirted, he farted while playing the piano, he made fun of the old folks, and he generally disported himself whenever he felt like it. He even had the big hair, though his was pink.

I have a special sympathy with the third Elvis, since he is the shortest one so far. Napoleon was something like 4' 9", and he conquered most of the world. Even after he had been banished to Elba he was able to make a comeback. An entire era of French history is named after him, as is a psychological malady. People lined the streets to see him ride a horse (perhaps they were anticipating some sort of calamitous physical comedy due to stubby legs, but let's give him the benefit of the doubt). By sheer force of will, he made himself emperor, and along the way was the first Elvisatva to have a distinctive pose (the "hand in the shirt" deal).

Since Napoleon, there have been two more incarnations (Presley and Cage), and I think we will all watch with bated breath for the next one to emerge. So if your kid raises some hell, don't punish him, praise him. He may be the next Elvisatva. So save those fingernails.

Learn outside of the classroom

A guide to off-campus classes and workshops in Vermont:

Cooking: Isabel's on the Waterfront Restaurant (112 Lake St., Burlington) offers cooking classes from September 19 through March 18. Classes, which feature such themes such as "Flavors of the Caribbean," "Wholesome Sweets," "Southwest Cuisine" and "Vegetarian Thanksgiving," are $35 each. For more information, call 865-2522.

Body and mind: Sas Carey, RN, M.Ed. and Joan Shriber Smith, M.Ed. offer courses and workshops on finding personal spiritual and bodily energy. Saturday, September 22, 9:30-4:30, will be "Finding Your Gift and Using It", a workshop to discover your soul's purpose. The fee is $75, which includes lunch and snacks. "Lessons from the Healing Guides" is an ongoing class for novice and veteran body-energy workers that meets Wednesdays, 7-9 pm. The fee for each class is $20. Courses are held at 74 Washington St. Ext. in Middlebury. For registration information, call Sas Carey at 388-7684.

Archaeology: An archaeology symposium will be held at the Ethan Allen Homestead (north of Burlington) on September 28, 9 am-3 pm. Three Vermont archaeologists will discuss their work and ideas about teaching archaeology. The cost is $25 with an optional $5 lunch. For information and registration, call 865-4556.

Children

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up and looked right at His Holiness the Dalai Lama. "War movies are really gross. It is really gross to see people die like that." This said, the youngster sat down.

"I am very impressed by your answers," said the Dalai Lama, looking around at the group of children. "I believe that human nature is good. Humans have good hearts. Humans have intelligence. I much appreciate your answers. I consider you as my teacher. I wish you success in your study and in your lives. I hope that you will be good people, warm hearted people for the benefit of mankind."

I bent down toward one little girl sitting near my feet.

"Pretty neat," she whispered, putting a hand on my shoulder.

We watched the Dalai Lama exit together. I couldn't have agreed more.

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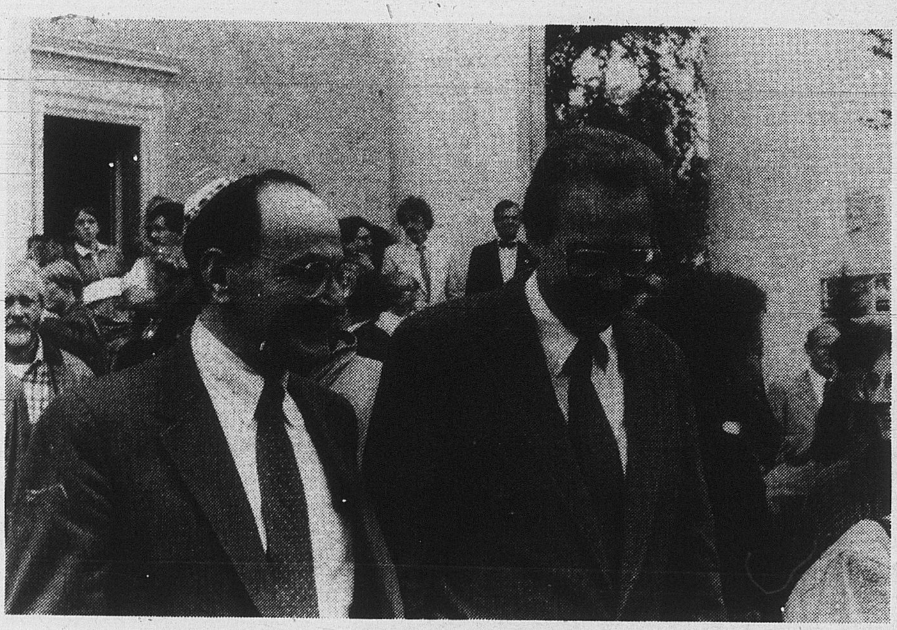

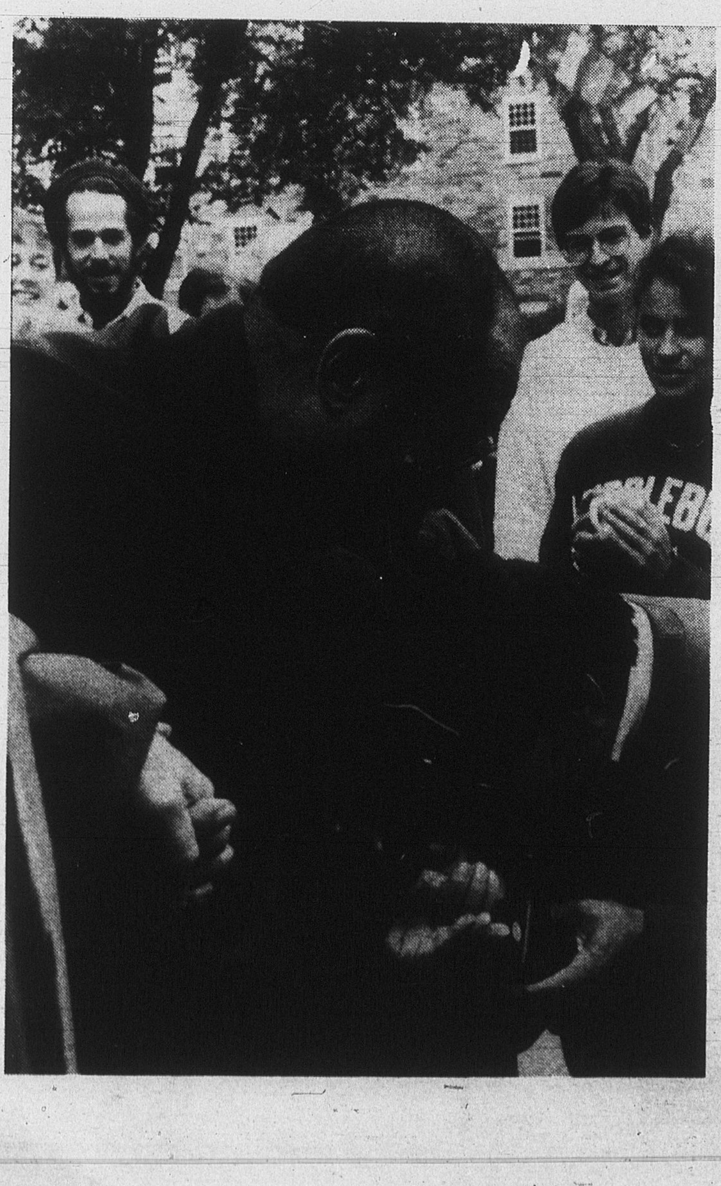

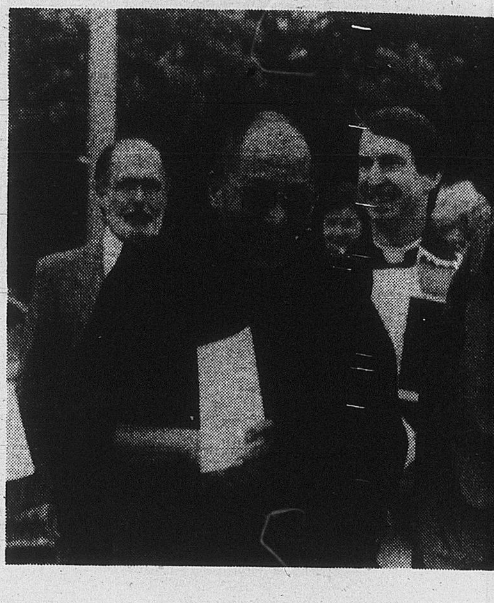

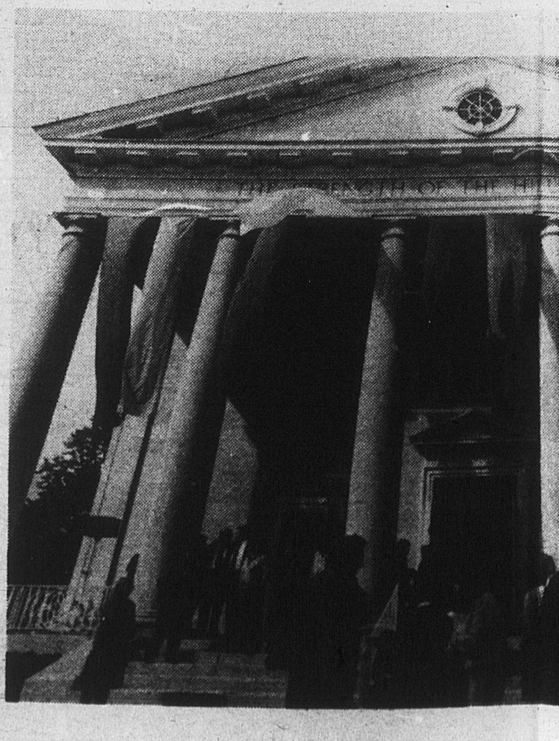

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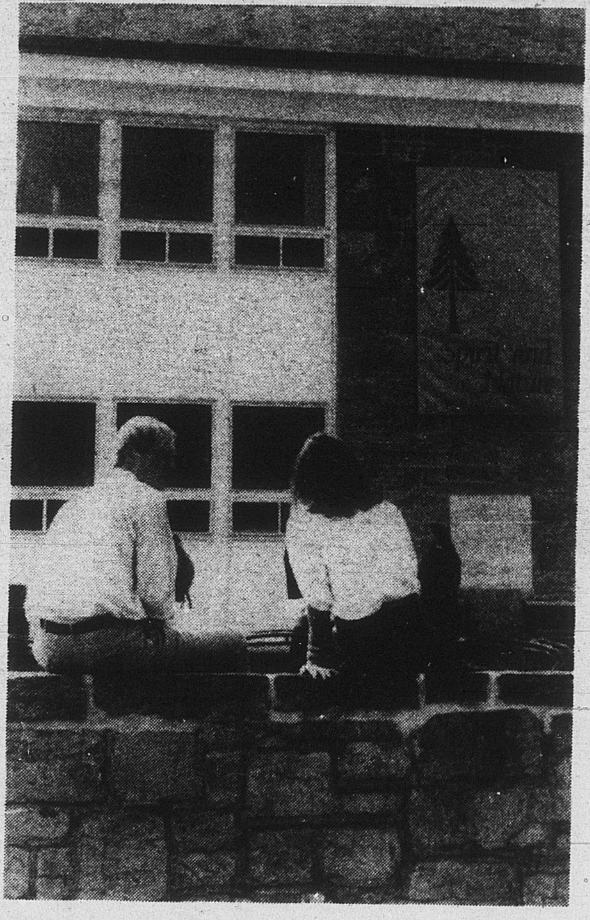

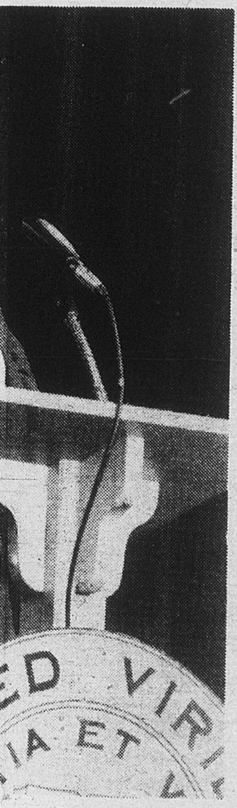
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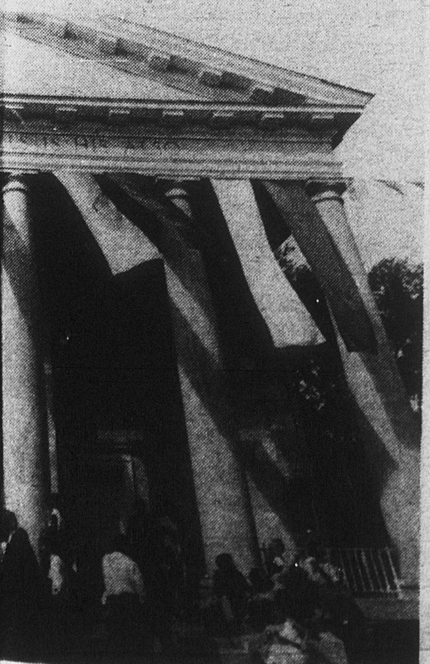
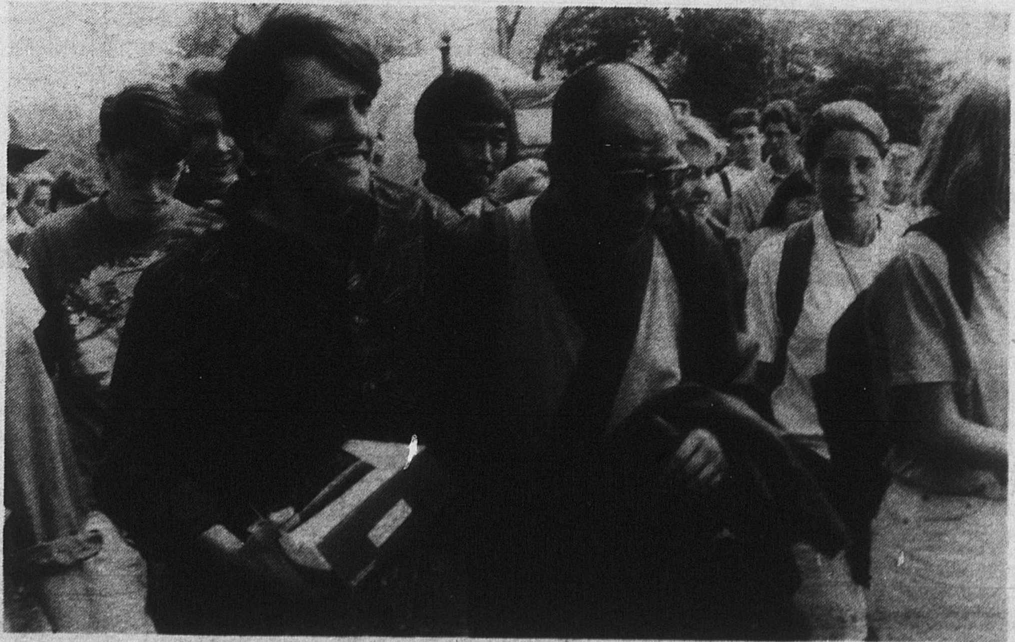
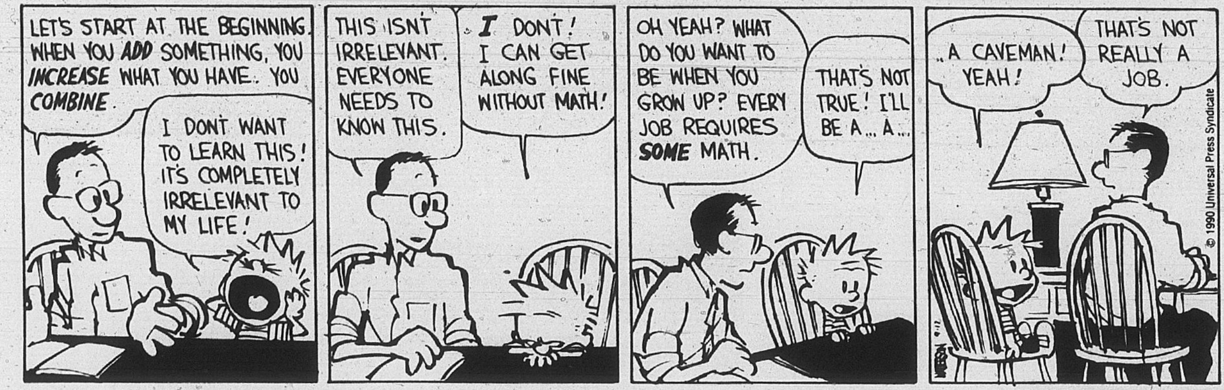




Calvin and Hobbes

by BILL WATTERSON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I DON'T WANT TO LEARN THIS! IT'S COMPLETELY IRRELEVANT TO MY LIFE!
THIS ISN'T IRRELEVANT. EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW THIS.
I DON'T! I CAN GET ALONG FINE WITHOUT MATH!
OH YEAH? WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP? EVERY JOB REQUIRES **SOME** MATH.
THAT'S NOT TRUE! I'LL BE A... A...
..A CAVEMAN! YEAH!
THAT'S NOT REALLY A JOB.
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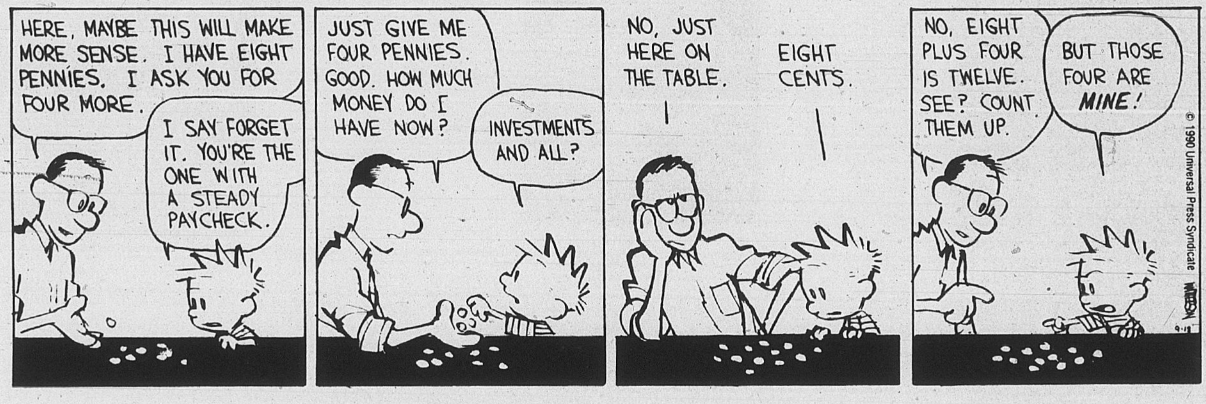
HERE, MAYBE THIS WILL MAKE MORE SENSE. I HAVE EIGHT PENNIES. I ASK YOU FOR FOUR MORE.
I SAY FORGET IT. YOU'RE THE ONE WITH A STEADY PAYCHECK.
JUST GIVE ME FOUR PENNIES. GOOD. HOW MUCH MONEY DO I HAVE NOW?
INVESTMENTS AND ALL?
NO, JUST HERE ON THE TABLE.
EIGHT CENTS.
NO, EIGHT PLUS FOUR IS TWELVE. SEE? COUNT THEM UP.
BUT THOSE FOUR ARE **MINE**!
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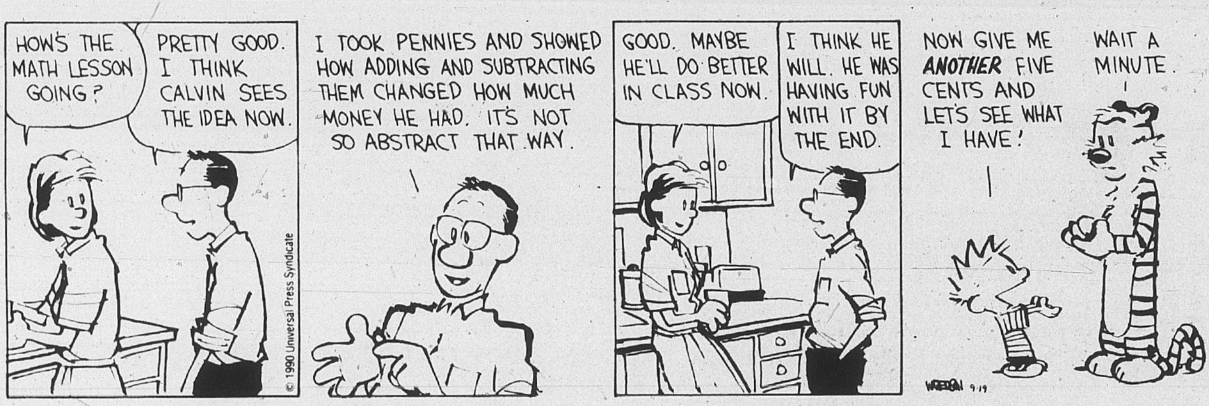
HOW'S THE MATH LESSON GOING?
PRETTY GOOD. I THINK CALVIN SEES THE IDEA NOW.
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I TOOK PENNIES AND SHOWED HOW ADDING AND SUBTRACTING THEM CHANGED HOW MUCH MONEY HE HAD. IT'S NOT SO ABSTRACT THAT WAY.
GOOD. MAYBE HE'LL DO BETTER IN CLASS NOW.
I THINK HE WILL. HE WAS HAVING FUN WITH IT BY THE END.
NOW GIVE ME **ANOTHER** FIVE CENTS AND LET'S SEE WHAT I HAVE!
WAIT A MINUTE.
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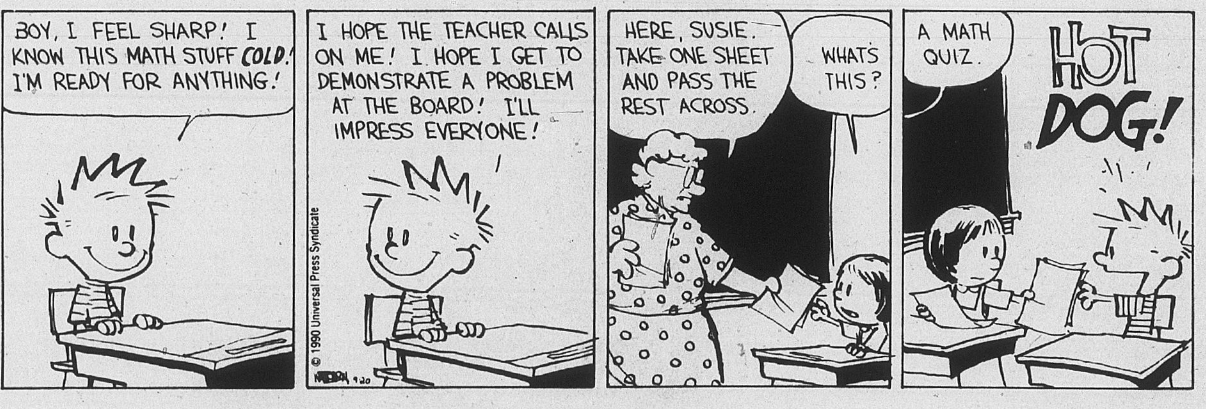
BOY, I FEEL SHARP! I KNOW THIS MATH STUFF **COLD**! I'M READY FOR ANYTHING!
I HOPE THE TEACHER CALLS ON ME! I HOPE I GET TO DEMONSTRATE A PROBLEM AT THE BOARD! I'LL IMPRESS EVERYONE!
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HERE, SUSIE. TAKE ONE SHEET AND PASS THE REST ACROSS.
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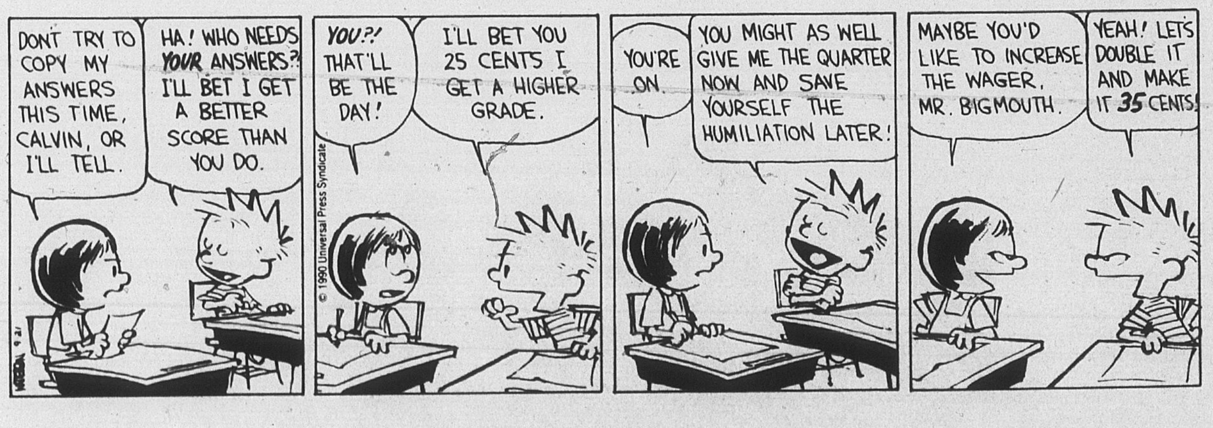
A MATH QUIZ.
HOT DOG!


DON'T TRY TO COPY MY ANSWERS THIS TIME, CALVIN, OR I'LL TELL.
HA! WHO NEEDS **YOUR** ANSWERS? I'LL BET I GET A BETTER SCORE THAN YOU DO.
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YOU?! THAT'LL BE THE DAY!
I'LL BET YOU 25 CENTS I GET A HIGHER GRADE.
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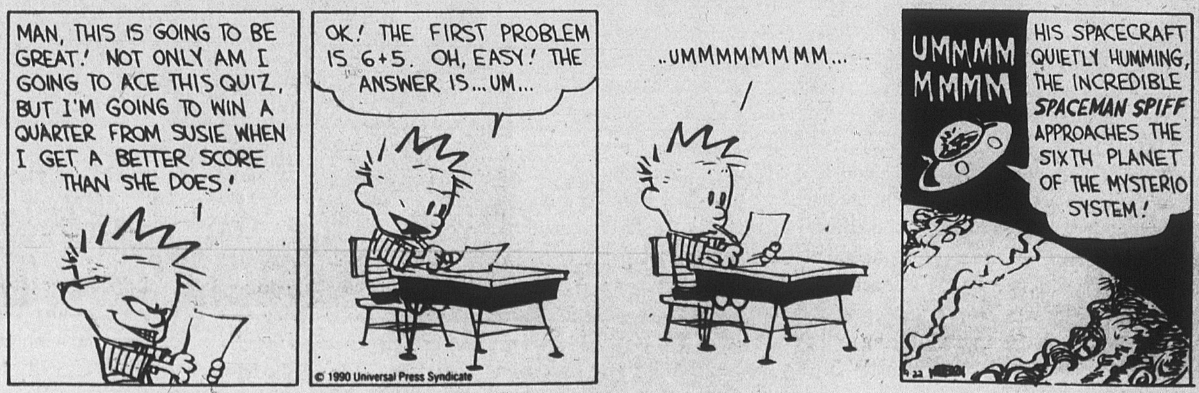
YOU'RE ON.
YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE ME THE QUARTER NOW AND SAVE YOURSELF THE HUMILIATION LATER!
MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO INCREASE THE WAGER, MR. BIGMOUTH.
YEAH! LET'S DOUBLE IT AND MAKE IT **35** CENTS!


MAN, THIS IS GOING TO BE GREAT! NOT ONLY AM I GOING TO ACE THIS QUIZ, BUT I'M GOING TO WIN A QUARTER FROM SUSIE WHEN I GET A BETTER SCORE THAN SHE DOES!
OK! THE FIRST PROBLEM IS 6+5. OH, EASY! THE ANSWER IS...UM...
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UMMMM MMMM
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9-22 WATTERSON

SPORTS

Victory over Bates highlights soccer trip to Maine

By Cathy Lee

A promising men's varsity soccer team, comprised of mature and skilled players of equally high abilities, faced several difficulties during their first two games away against Colby and Bates this past weekend. Their first challenge against Colby last Friday ended in a loss with a score of 2—0. Middlebury dominated throughout most of the first half as co-captain and center mid-field Sean Hurley '91 set the tone; however, despite ample scoring opportunities throughout the game, the team was unable to put the ball in the net.

The success of the team will depend upon the willingness of each teammate to work with and for one another.

Near the end of the first half, a weak defensive pass to the goalie set up the first Colby goal which did not enhance Panther morale. The second half was filled with some concentrated periods of solid play for Middlebury, but unfortunately Colby put in another goal leaving Middlebury scoreless.

Though the loss to Colby was disappointing, the team was able to defeat Bates the following afternoon by the score of 2—1. While anticipating a high scoring game, rain caused slower and less-controlled play. The first goal was scored by Tony Claudino '93, who was able to dribble past several defenders and send the ball into the far post. Michael "Pickle" Walker '93 added a second goal after breaking away past his defender. Stopper John Atherton '93 played solid defense throughout the weekend, in addition to a strong performance meted out by goalie Dave Findley '91.

Middlebury was not fully satisfied with their level of play, but the win was significant in two respects: Team morale was bolstered and the win against Bates was the fiftieth Middlebury win for head coach David Saward.

Both games this weekend helped define more clearly the particular problem areas which the team needs to concentrate on and improve upon during the next few weeks. The players certainly share high hopes for a successful season, but they realize that greater teamwork and mental cohesiveness is necessary. Right fullback Tom Murray '91 and Hurley both agree that the success of the team will depend upon the willingness of each teammate to work with and for one another. Three new freshman players, midfielders Steve Halloran and Brendan Donahue and starting left fullback Jeff David will also be helpful additions to the team.

This Saturday Middlebury will host the Williams Purple Cows for their first home game of the season at 2:00. Williams has traditionally been one of Middlebury's fiercest competitors and rivals, and though Williams is considered as the strongest team in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (E.C.A.C.) league, the Panthers know that they have the ability to play forcefully and win the game. Again, teamwork and the simple desire for a win will be crucial elements for a successful Panther performance. A victory this weekend could reinforce team confidence and team unity, renewing E.C.A.C. playoff hopes for the post season. Middlebury plans to take one game at a time while concentrating on defeating the teams to which they had tough losses last season, increasing the chances of post season play.

The Lady Panthers lost to U.V.M. 0—1 this past Tuesday afternoon. *Photo by Ian Hall-Beyer*

Field hockey team to face Colby Mules in second game of season

By Kate Chapman

After two long weeks of preparation and training, the women's field hockey team was ready for their challenging season opener at home against rival U.V.M. on Tuesday at 3:00. Last week head coach Missy Hopkinson allowed a day of rest, and the varsity team traveled to Burlington to watch U.V.M. play St. Michael's College. Middlebury expects to challenge U.V.M.'s fast and accurate passing game. Vermont skillfully switches the direction of the ball from one side of the field to the other, creating the need for Middlebury to play an intense, tough defense.

Coach Hopkinson expressed her excitement about this year's team and feels confident that the fifteen players she selected will work very well together on the field. She described the "scrappy circle play" as the key to an aggressive, goal-hungry offense. Deb Walton '91, Mary Blanchard '92, Eileen Marvin '92, and Carrie Harrisimowicz '92 create the quick forward line which has clicked so well during practice. Supporting them on the second offensive line are links Jen Hillner '93 and co-captain Kathleen Murphy '91.

At the core of the strong defense are co-captain Becky Castle '91 and Cassie Robbins '91. Though the essential positions have been determined, coach Hopkinson still has to experiment with the details of the game, such as the offensive and defensive corners and penalty strokes.

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During pre-season several field hockey players visited the training room with their fair share of injuries. Sadly, recurring knee problems have prevented both Alicia Matthewson '92 and Karen Olsen '92 from participating in field play, yet they are helping with coaching and managing the team.

On the final day of try-outs two van loads of players drove to U.V.M. to scrimmage the "B" team. The match was designed to help coach Hopkinson with her decision, but it also served as a good indicator that with so much available talent both the varsity and junior varsity will have strong seasons. The first game is taking place later than in past seasons, but the schedule is full and the number of games has increased from previous years. Hopefully, a high level of play on Tuesday will serve as a positive indicator as to the outcome of the Middlebury field hockey team.

No Maine vacation for soccer women

By Holly Foskett
and Lisa Balaschak

A weekend in Maine is not always a vacation as the Middlebury women's soccer team discovered this past weekend. Back to back games against Bowdoin and then Bates tested the ability of the new team to come together and individually challenged their stamina and mental toughness.

The Lady Panthers began the game against Bowdoin aggressively, but the Polar Bears proved to be stiff competition. Middlebury played evenly with them, led by the offensive prowess of freshman K.D. Falso. The second half of play was characterized by a generous frustration and failure of Middlebury to control the pace of the game. Bowdoin consistently beat Middlebury to the ball, forcing the Panthers into a kick and run game. Veteran defensive players Heather Flood '91 and Wendy Jensen '93 were outstanding in their efforts to temper Bowdoin's attack. Unfortunately Middlebury failed to ice the Polar Bears and lost the game 2—0.

Disheartened by a tough loss, the team spirits were rejuvenated that night at the Atrium. The veteran team was inspired by the stellar rookie performances of freshmen Claire Battelle, Jen Reecher, K.D. Falso, Sara Quigley, and Kirsten Morbeck.

On Saturday, the Panthers attacked Bates with renewed vigor. The Middlebury women clearly dominated three fourths of the game, demonstrating their cool composure which will undoubtedly be their hallmark for the rest of the season. The endurance of stopper Karen Gnuse '91 and the spunk of Kirsten Morbeck '94 set a standard for the rest of the team. Ellen Le Maitre '91 revved the attack with her speedy offensive runs, but the Bates keeper kept the score at 0—0. Wendy Jensen again displayed her incredible ball skills via numerous direct kicks awarded to the team; however, the Panthers were especially frustrated with their inability to convert these cannonball kicks into goals. The outcome was scoreless even after thirty minutes of overtime.

A clear improvement in skill and determination was displayed during the weekend games, and the Lady Panthers have every intention of continuing this upward progression as they aspire towards a victory over St. Michael's and ultimately towards a winning season.

Golf win over U. Vermont kicks off season

By J. Bart Johnson

The men's golf team opened its season last Wednesday here at the Ralph Myhre Golf Course with a victory over U.V.M. The Panther team handled the out-talented Catamounts with relative ease. Playing the best for Middlebury were Topher Smith '93 and Josh Pepin '93.

With their low scores, Smith and Pepin secured the top two positions on the five man squad that travelled down to the Williams Invitational, a two day, seventeen team tournament that took place this past weekend.

Although "Caddyshack" fans everywhere were disappointed that the Dalai Lama could not sqeeze in nine holes over the weekend, the Middlebury golf team did not let the symposium interfere with their game. Coach Russ Reilly decided the final three positions with an 18 hole qualifying round on Friday, the day before the Williams match. Winning the three spots were Matt Benjamin '92, John Hanlon '93, and Zach Peterson '93. The predominantly sophomore team placed eighth out of the seventeen competing colleges and universities. The competition included Williams, Amherst, Babson, and Salem State.

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Though it is difficult to be content with an eighth place finish, the Panthers can not be too disappointed with their scores, considering they were playing a basically unfamiliar course. After the first day, the Middlebury team was only twelve strokes out of the lead with a team score of 323. The team score is determined by simply taking the four lowest scores. The second day team score was a respectable 325 but was not sufficient to keep up with good scores by some other teams. Williams recorded three sub-80 rounds on the second day to win their own tournament.

Leading the effort by the Panthers was sophomore Topher Smith, who had the low team score on both days with a 77 and 78. The team average for the tournament was 81. This weekend the team returns home for the annual Duke Nelson Classic. This year's invitational tournament will host about twenty-five teams from all over the New England area. The two day affair always proves to be exciting for the Middlebury team because they are the hosts.

While the odds of the home town favorites winning are long, a Panther victory is certainly not out of the question. Team members Smith and Pepin have already secured spots on the five man tournament team by proving their ability to shoot low scores consistently, and whomever Coach Reilly selects for the other three spots will be capable of sub-80 rounds. After a solid performance at Williams, the home course advantage combined with the team's confidence could see the Panthers into contention for the Duke Nelson Classic trophy.

Panthers batter Wesleyan in first football scrimmage

By Tim Berry

The Middlebury College football team took its show on the road last weekend scrimmaging the Wesleyan College Cardinals at Vermont Academy in southern Vermont. The annual scrimmage is the Panthers' first taste of intercollegiate competition every season and is instrumental in preparing the team for the regular season New England Small College Athletic Conference (N.E.S.C.A.C.) schedule. For the first time this season, Middlebury players had the opportunity to face someone other than their own teammates. An informal scrimmage atmosphere is a crucial gauge of how the team will perform against other teams in the league.

The scrimmage is broken down into several stages to provide the coaches with a chance to see how the team will perform under certain conditions. In the first phase of the scrimmage, each team ran eight plays on offense and eight plays on defense under a variety of simulated situations such as short yardage conditions. Following this phase, the Panthers battled the Cardinals under game conditions for two quarters. The last part of the scrimmage was devoted to giving the second team players a look before the season begins.

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During the first part of the scrimmage the Panthers looked sluggish and at times confused, but this was to be expected since the team had spent minimal time preparing for Wesleyan's run and shoot offense. As the afternoon progressed and Middlebury became better acquainted with Wesleyan's plan of attack, the Panthers began to take control at the line of scrimmage and to assert themselves. Each team scored a touchdown during the two quarters of game simulation, but the Panthers were a clearly superior team as the offense moved the ball at will and the defense handily shut down the Cardinal attack. Middlebury put together several long drives, mixing a strong running game with several long strikes through the air. Wesleyan's only score came as they capitalized on a forced fumble deep in Middlebury territory.

Starting quarterback Pat Dyson '92 showed a good grasp of the option game, which requires the quarterback to read the play of the opposing defense and choose the point of attack. Dyson orchestrated several consistent drives before backup quarterbacks Andy Hyland '93 and Jordan Sullivan '93 took over the helm. Despite a poor pitch which led to a fumble and a subsequent Cardinal score, Hyland played impressively, throwing for several long strikes and breaking a long run on a broken play.

The worst news for the team on Saturday was the loss of their starting fullback Hayden Harman '92 for the season with a broken ankle. This leaves the Panthers with three veterans, John Burrell '91, Brian Fenlon '92, and Eric Sevigny '93 in the backfield. All three looked solid on Saturday, and Fenlon ran the flank extremely well on the option. The team was also hurt by the loss of senior receiver and team co-captain Skip Wiemeyer '91 for a projected four weeks with a fractured ankle. By far, the brightest star of the receiving corps this year has been tight end Greg Fisher '93 who broke a reception for long yardage on Saturday to set up a Middlebury touchdown. Fisher also played extremely well in the Blue-White intersquad scrimmage, and his size makes him a valuable asset on the offensive line.

In the trenches, Middlebury struggled early with an unfamiliar Wesleyan defense that pinched the defensive tackles and blitzed the linebackers. As the "meats" adjusted to the Cardinals defensive schemes, they hit their stride and began to dominate the line of scrimmage. The line was assignment sharp and controlled the Wesleyan defensive line with strong surge and good explosion. The play of the core unit of four juniors, Mike Rex, Tom Campi, Dylan Dimock, and Dean "My Name's Dear Too" Plocher clearly showed that the Panthers have the potential to become an explosive offensive team. Middlebury running backs found large holes opening up for the inside running game and a well sealed flank on the option. The pass blocking effort of the offensive line was less consistent

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Robust play against Vermont as Panther ruggers prepare for game on Saturday

By Cathy Lee

The Middlebury men's rugby club began another exciting fall season with a robust performance against the U.V.M. Catamounts in a controlled scrimmage this past Saturday in Burlington. After only one week of formal practice, the team already faced the injuries of two key scrummers, Bruce Bender '92 and Johannes Ernharth '91 and backs John Heywood '92 and Dan McConville '91; however, team morale and enthusiasm remained high as the ruggers played against the traditionally powerful U.V.M. team. Despite their injuries and the larger size of the Catamount scrum, the Middlebury scrum was able to hold their opponents back successfully overall. Hooker Pete Harris '92 displayed notable quickness throughout the match. Though the backfield, which is considered to be the strength of this year's team kept the score close, they had more difficulty holding on to the ball and executing smooth lines, due to wet field conditions and off timing.

Nevertheless, the experienced and talented back line is enthusiastic about their great offensive potential under the leadership of scrum-half Mo Tooker '91 and fly-half Rich Cochran '91. In addition, with inside center Mark Vanston '93 who is regarded as the star back and one of the top players on the team, and the abilities of outside center James Wilcox '93, wings Kevin Kelly '91, Bob Quinn '92, and James Meyer '91, and fullback Brian Huff '92, the prospect for an undefeated season is extremely probable. Team captain Tooker expressed how the stalwart line of backs has given the team high hopes and confidence, providing a positive atmosphere for the start of the season.

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The impressive performance of the scrum against U.V.M. this past weekend has also raised spirits and helped appease worries about the lack of depth in the scrum after the unfortunate injuries. Several enthusiastic younger scrummers such as Andrew Balser '93, Tim Curry '93, and Rob Geckle '93 will help provide the needed support. Pete Andersons '91 is expected to join the team as the eight-man this week which will provide an additional boost. Ernharth is also expected to return and play this weekend. As the Middlebury team looks forward to their official season opener against Wesleyan at home on Saturday, the players plan to concentrate on firmer and harder tackles and quicker passes to the wings.

Another full schedule of matches this fall should provide great enjoyment and excitement to all the diehard rugby fans as well as newly interested spectators. In addition, a pleasantly cooperative administration and generous finance committee this season has helped to allow the Middlebury rugby club to focus on the important team objectives: good, intense rugby play and strong team comraderie. The B side team is somewhat inexperienced but is filled with super athletes as Dewitt "the Double-D" Dominick '91 who is expected to

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22 Williams	2:00
29 Amherst	11:00
October	
3 Vermont	3:30
10 St. Micheal's	3:30
20 Babson	11:00
27 W. Conn St.	11:00
30 St. Lawrence	2:00

WOMEN'S VARSITY SOCCER

September	
22 Wesleyan	3:00
29 Amherst	12:00
October	
6 Hamilton	1:00
13 Tufts	1:00
17 Norwich	3:00
23 Vermont	3:00
29 Johnson	3:00

MEN'S "B" SOCCER

September	
22 Williams	2:00
29 Amherst	11:00
October	
2 Johnson	3:30
5 Vermont	3:30

WOMEN'S "B" SOCCER

September	
26 Kimball Union	3:00
October	
11 Vermont	3:30
17 Northfield-Mt. Hermon	12:15
20 Vt. Academy	3:00

VARS. FIELD HOCKEY

September	
21 Colby	4:00
22 Wesleyan	3:00
29 Amherst	12:00
October	
6 Hamilton	1:00
13 Union 11:00	
17 Castleton	4:00

"B" FIELD HOCKEY

October	
13 Union	4:45

VARSITY FOOTBALL

September	
29 Amherst	1:30
October	
13 Tufts (Homecoming)	2:00
20 Hamilton	1:30
November	
3 Colby	1:00

J.V. FOOTBALL

October	
7 Norwich	1:00
21 Bishop's Univ.	2:00

WOMEN'S VARSITY TENNIS

September	
20 Vermont	**3:00**
22 Wesleyan	**2:00**
29 Amherst	**12:00**
October	
13 Tufts	1:00

WOMEN'S X-COUNTRY

September	
22 Johnson	1:00
October	
6 Plattsburgh	1:00

MEN'S TENNIS

September	
29 Skidmore	**12:00**
October	
20-21	Middlebury Invitational

MEN'S X-COUNTRY

September	
22 Johnson	1:30
October	
6 Plattsburgh	1:30

GOLF

September	
22-23 Duke Nelson Invitational	1:00 9:00
29 Goss Invitational	1:00
October	
6 Franklin Pierce	12:00

Middlebury gets tipped by Purple Cows

By Cathy Lee

Last Saturday afternoon, the men's cross country team faced a tough challenge at Williams, losing by a score of 37—22. Though the runners were disappointed about losing their first meet, they are looking forward to a prosperous season. Not only has the team acquired quick and dedicated runners such as Adam Hersh '94 and Terry Kellogg '94, but the teamwork and overall level of enthusiasm is extremely high.

Out of the twelve runners who ran the muddy 4.8 mile Williams course this weekend, two placed in the top five. Brian Schilling '92 placed third, finishing seven seconds behind the winner. Schilling had been running steadily in second place, but a Williams runner unexpectedly surged past him at the four mile mark when they were facing a steep incline. This would cause him to finish one second behind. Hersh also had a very respectable performance, finishing behind Schilling in fourth place by two seconds. Robbie Pedersen '91 finished a strong seventh place, and the other runners who participated, such as Anthony Roho '92, Ben Speiss '93, Jim Nida '91, Kellogg, Chad Bryant '93, Bill McDavitt '92, Tom Chambers '91, Matt Warren '91, and Dan Scheidt '93 also displayed great efforts during the race.

> ***It is impossible to regard any one individual as the leader of this Middlebury team, since all members show complete dedication and share support equally with one another.***

There was no doubt that Williams had powerful runners, many who were returning from last season; but the Middlebury team realizes the immense potential and talent that they possess. At the beginning of each cross country season, since all runners have worked out at different levels over the summer, it is difficult to make any immediate assumptions about any of their abilities. The Panthers are still in the midst of getting into top running shape, with demanding and exhausting pra [illegible] new strength training program. Middlebury will have several opportunities to confront Williams again later in the season at the New England Small College Athletic Conference (N.E.S.C.A.C.) and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (E.C.A.C.) championship races, which will be a better gauge of comparing the abilities of the two teams.

Senior captain Ray Strong, who is a key member of the team, has been ill with a mild case of pneumonia and was forced to miss Saturday's race. Fortunately, he is expected to begin training again within the week. Despite this minor obstacle, Strong expressed confident hopes for the Panthers during the remainder of the [illegible] ss country running is considered an individual sport, team unity and constant mental encouragement is an intricate part of the success of any team. It is impossible to regard any one individual as the leader of this Middlebury team, since all members show complete dedication and share support equally with one another. This kind of genuine comraderie, with the coaching of the highly respected Terry Aldrich, a successful season seems inevitable.

This Saturday the Panthers will be hosting their first home meet against Johnson State. This competition is forecasted to be a fairly easy victory for Middlebury, though the accuracy of this prediction will not be determined until Saturday. Nevertheless, the men's cross country team does know that a lot of incredible and hard running will be done as they maintain team bonding.

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Football

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but improved steadily during the scrimmage, enabling Dyson and Hyland to stand in the pocket and throw long strikes.

The Panther defensive unit seemed disoriented at times, especially in the secondary, as Wesleyan receivers made several long gains on passes. During the game phase of the scrimmage, the Panthers manhandled the Cardinal offense and the secondary tightened up by shutting down the passing game. Senior co-captain Brian Dalton '91 led the defense and his solid effort in the defensive backfield was augmented by the aggressive play of Dave Donahue '91, Rick O'Neil '92, and Dave Fritzsche '92. Tim Shaw '93 also played well from the safety position, providing excellent run support.

The linebacking crew played well against the run and should continue to improve with the return of veteran Hunt Roeder '91. Although the defensive line was irreparably hurt by the loss of senior Kevin McCarthy '91 for the season and the possible loss of Bob Gianelly '91, they dominated the Wesleyan offensive line. Defensive linemen Sean Fitzsimmons '91 and Rick Gronda '93 shut down the Wesleyan running game from the start of the scrimmage and defensive end Hank Calam '93 played a tenacious pass rush. The defensive front eagerly awaits the return of Matt Thompson '91 who suffered a broken hand in the Blue-White scrimmage, and referred to the Panther defensive unit as an "... unrelenting pack of wild dogs."

Middlebury starts its season this Saturday at Bowdoin in Maine. Middlebury has not beaten the Polar Bears in the past two years and an opening victory could be crucial to setting a positive attitude for the team for the rest of the season. If the Panthers can gel as a team and play consistent error free ball, they definitely have the talent to contend for a league championship this season.

Ruggers

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be a forceful new addition to the team. The guidance and support of scrum coach Greg Lyons and back coach Kim Montgomery combined with the high morale of both the A and B side teams give solid hopes for a great season. Cochran concluded that with such a highly skilled team and with the hope of quick recoveries of injured players, the most successful Middlebury rugby season ever can be anticipated.

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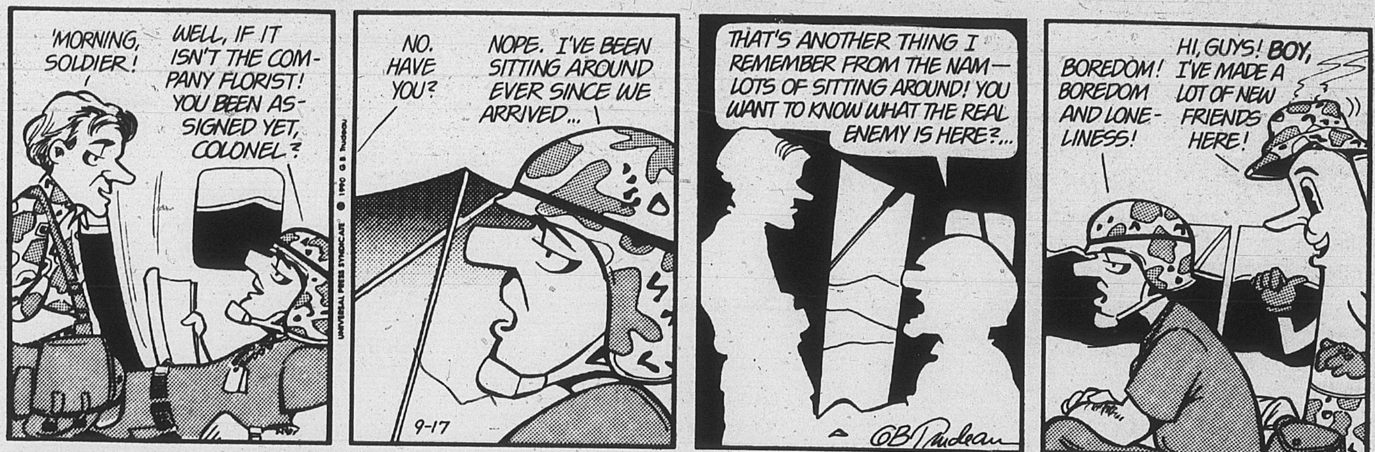
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WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE COMPANY FLORIST! YOU BEEN ASSIGNED YET, COLONEL?
NO. HAVE YOU?
NOPE. I'VE BEEN SITTING AROUND EVER SINCE WE ARRIVED...
9-17
THAT'S ANOTHER THING I REMEMBER FROM THE NAM—LOTS OF SITTING AROUND! YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE REAL ENEMY IS HERE?...
BOREDOM! BOREDOM AND LONELINESS!
HI, GUYS! BOY, I'VE MADE A LOT OF NEW FRIENDS HERE!
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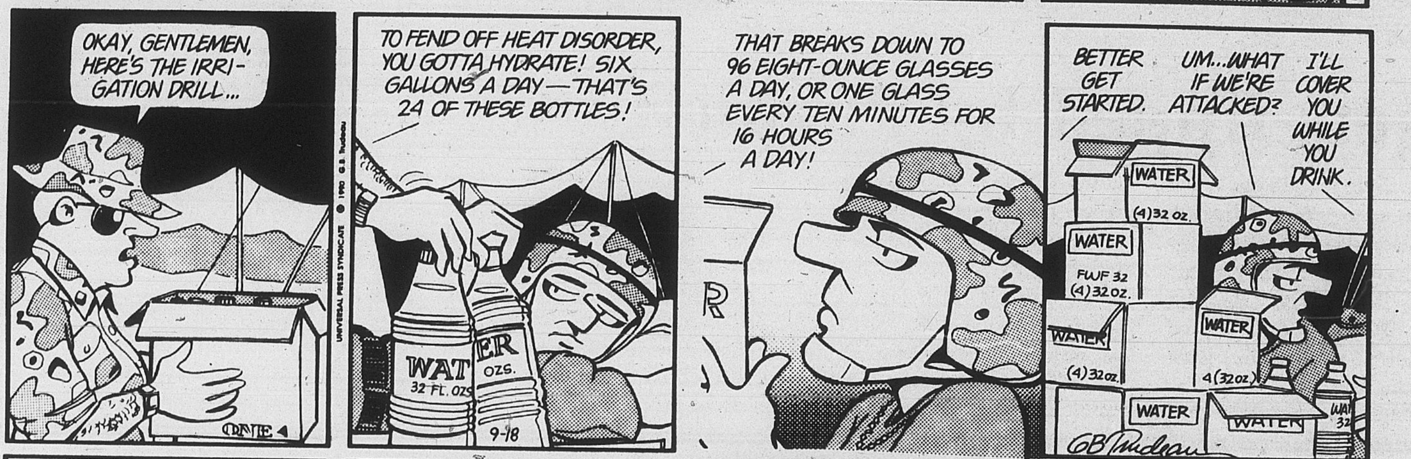
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ONE
TO FEND OFF HEAT DISORDER, YOU GOTTA HYDRATE! SIX GALLONS A DAY—THAT'S 24 OF THESE BOTTLES!
WATER 32 FL. OZS.
9-18
THAT BREAKS DOWN TO 96 EIGHT-OUNCE GLASSES A DAY, OR ONE GLASS EVERY TEN MINUTES FOR 16 HOURS A DAY!
BETTER GET STARTED.
UM...WHAT IF WE'RE ATTACKED?
I'LL COVER YOU WHILE YOU DRINK.
WATER (4) 32 OZ.
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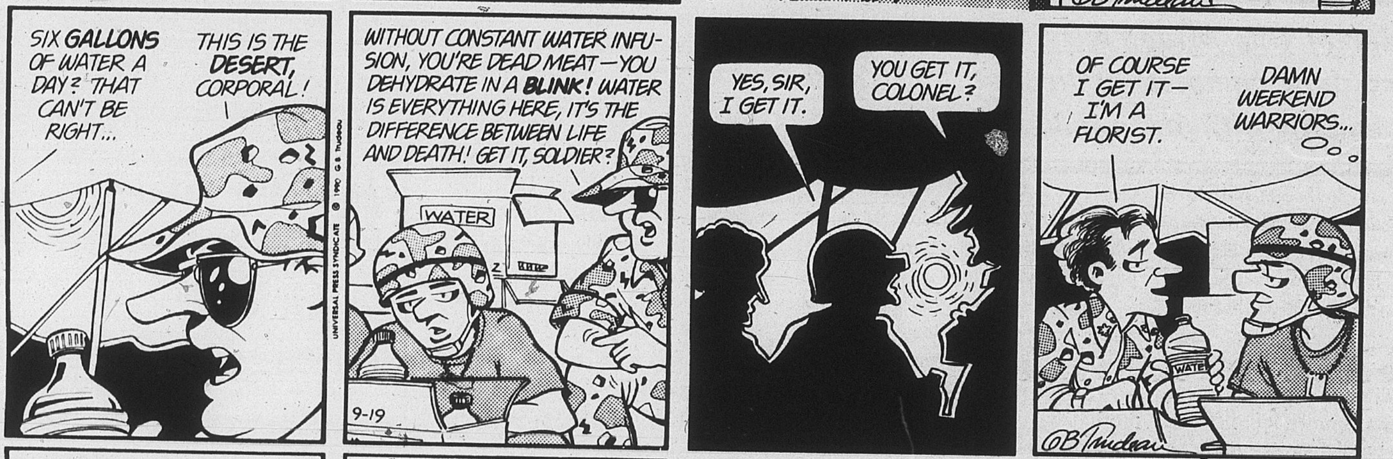
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WITHOUT CONSTANT WATER INFUSION, YOU'RE DEAD MEAT—YOU DEHYDRATE IN A BLINK! WATER IS EVERYTHING HERE, IT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH! GET IT, SOLDIER?
WATER
9-19
YES, SIR, I GET IT.
YOU GET IT, COLONEL?
OF COURSE I GET IT—I'M A FLORIST.
DAMN WEEKEND WARRIORS...
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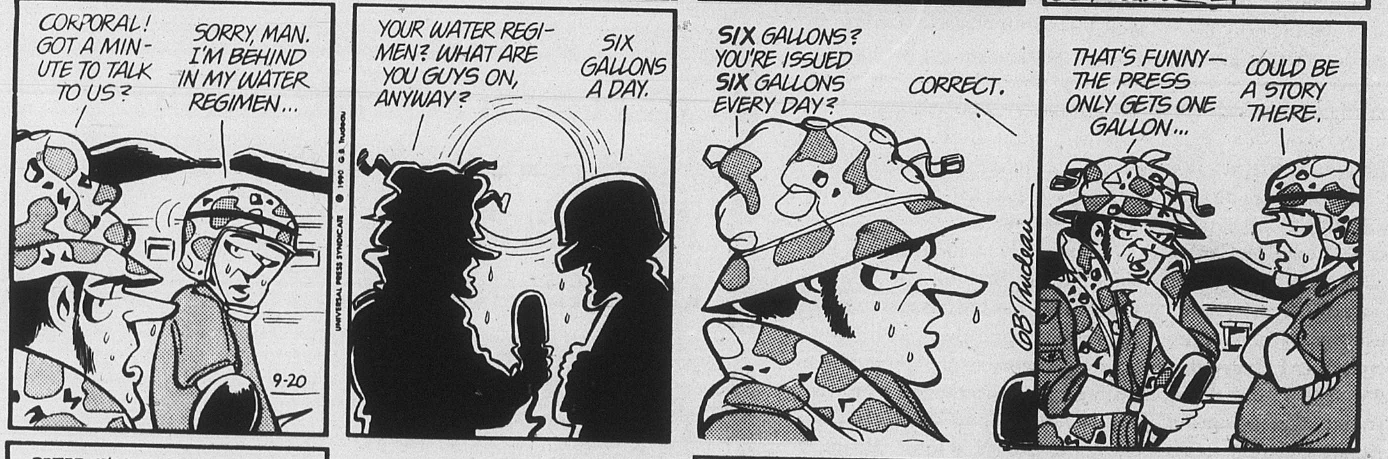
CORPORAL! GOT A MINUTE TO TALK TO US?
SORRY, MAN. I'M BEHIND IN MY WATER REGIMEN...
9-20
YOUR WATER REGIMEN? WHAT ARE YOU GUYS ON, ANYWAY?
SIX GALLONS A DAY.
SIX GALLONS? YOU'RE ISSUED SIX GALLONS EVERY DAY?
CORRECT.
THAT'S FUNNY—THE PRESS ONLY GETS ONE GALLON...
COULD BE A STORY THERE.
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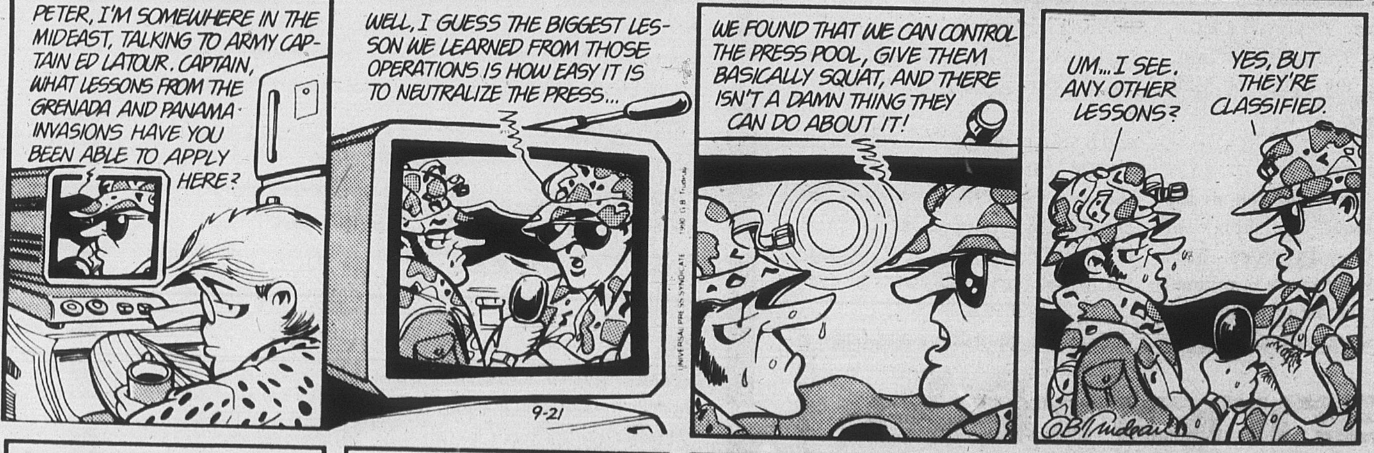
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WELL, I GUESS THE BIGGEST LESSON WE LEARNED FROM THOSE OPERATIONS IS HOW EASY IT IS TO NEUTRALIZE THE PRESS...
9-21
WE FOUND THAT WE CAN CONTROL THE PRESS POOL, GIVE THEM BASICALLY SQUAT, AND THERE ISN'T A DAMN THING THEY CAN DO ABOUT IT!
UM...I SEE. ANY OTHER LESSONS?
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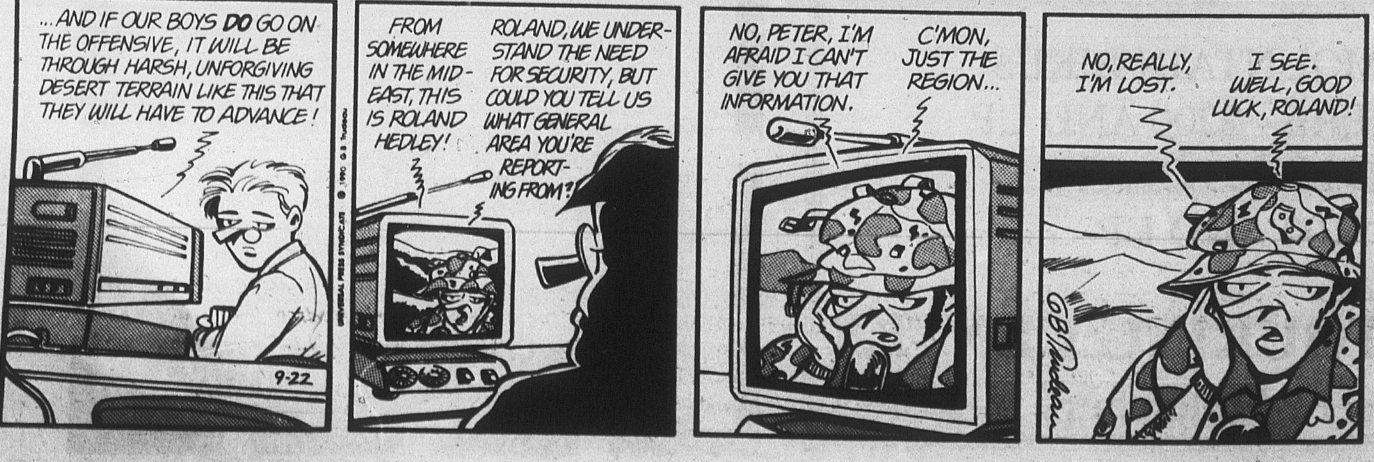
...AND IF OUR BOYS DO GO ON THE OFFENSIVE, IT WILL BE THROUGH HARSH, UNFORGIVING DESERT TERRAIN LIKE THIS THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO ADVANCE!
9-22
FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDEAST, THIS IS ROLAND HEDLEY!
ROLAND, WE UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR SECURITY, BUT COULD YOU TELL US WHAT GENERAL AREA YOU'RE REPORTING FROM?
NO, PETER, I'M AFRAID I CAN'T GIVE YOU THAT INFORMATION.
C'MON, JUST THE REGION...
NO, REALLY, I'M LOST.
I SEE. WELL, GOOD LUCK, ROLAND!
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K2 Elite skis for sale. 185 cm with Solomon 447 bindings, Nordica NM 530 boots, size 10 1/2 with Kramer profile poles all for just about $200. They have been used for about half a dozen times and are in good condition. If interested, please contact Dan Keenan at 352-4421 in the evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Middlebury Mountain Club would like to announce that club meetings are held on Tuesday nights at 7:00 on the third floor of Adirondack House, and all students are welcome to attend. Students can sign up for weekend outing trips at 8:00 on Wednesday mornings on the sign-up sheets posted in the college mail room.

On September 25, instead of the regular meeting, the club will host a presentation by Nancy Schroeder. Ms. Schroeder travelled the Pacific Crest Trail, and will show a slide show at 7:00 in Warner Hemicycle.

PERSONALS

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'Spirit and Nature'

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ment and a responsibility to protect it.

Nasr concedes, however, that certain Islamic countries have become some of the most polluted on earth. He blames economic and political factors for keeping these countries from following the laws of Islam. The colonial domination of Islamic states by the West, he claims, "helped to end Islamic codes about nature and replace them with western ideas."

Nasr admits that little is being done to correct environmental problems in the arab world because the problem of the environment seems too far removed from the immediate problems of daily life in those less developed countries.

If anything is to be done, Nasr said, the west must change its view of nature from something that is evil and must be conquered to something that is vital to the survival of life on earth.

Mr. Robert Prescott-Allen

Mr. Robert Prescott-Allen, senior consultant of the Second World Conservation Strategy Project, opened his lecture on Friday morning by declaring humans to be "monsters of the universe" and proposing that we "make a daring change—a change to sustainability."

Prescott-Allen presented the document "Caring for the World: A Strategy for Sustainability" which outlines a global strategy for confronting the environmental crisis.

He stressed the need for a global alliance because "pollution knows no borders." He pointed out that, although the earth is one, the people who share it are not.

"Caring for the World" outlines eight principles of sustainability and strategic directions and describes methods of implementing the strategy. In his presentation, Prescott-Allen touched on all of these points and cited improving communities and stabilizing resource demand population as two of the strategic directions.

Associate Professor of Biology Stephen Trombulak introduced Prescott-Allen, noting that the idea of population control is "the most sticky" of the issues raised in "Caring for the World," but that several aspects of the document also would be controversial.

Trombulak went on to say that there is no aspect of the document with which he "out-and out disagree[s]," but, at the same time, it is only "a starting point" and its success or failure will depend on the method of distribution.

Rabbi Ismar Schorsch

On Friday afternoon, the "Spirit and Nature" symposium continued with an address by Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. His remarks focused on the idea that many of Judaism's fundamental age-old precepts hold relevant applications for the modern environmental crisis.

According to Schorsch, Judaism is not a "'natural' religion with a special capacity for commuting with nature," but rather, Judaism fosters a "decidedly modest sense of man's place and purpose in the universe."

Schorsch stated that the multitude of Jewish laws — strictly defined prohibitions and prescriptions — have been designed over the ages to "effect survival in the here and now through a regiment of plain living."

Referring to this regimented lifestyle as "moderate restraint," Schorsch illustrated how Jews have historically applied this concept directly to their relationship with the natural world.

According to Schorsch, a cow and its calf must not be killed on one and the same day. In addition, during the Sabbatical Year, land must lie fallow, allowed to exist naturally, and Jews routinely practice self-denial to both renew the spirit and guard against overindulging themselves.

Schorch challenged the audience to see "moderate restraint," practiced in each of our individual lives, as the ultimate solution to this crisis.

"Choose your limits. It may be vegetarianism; it may be any kind of adopted lifestyle that says enough is a lot less than everything. Over time, as consciousness is raised, we will rein in our appetites, and the social consequence will be immense benefit to all of us," said Schorsch.

He linked the restraint needed for social and environmental benefits to humankind's overall spiritual well-being.

"Meaning is to be found in limits.... A personal life without limits and boundaries is not truly freedom," said Schorsch. "Where everything goes, where everything is possible, where everything can be savored, where so much comes too soon, we're not very happy."

On the topic of religious institutions advocating environmental consciousness and reform, Rabbi Schorsch asserted that now, more than ever, religion as a whole is prepared to confront the issue.

"Religious leaders have begun to heed the warnings of concerned scientists about the deteriorating state of the planet," he stated.

With so much of the onslaught to the environment stemming from Western prosperity, not poverty, Rabbi Schorsch identified religion as possibly the most capable public voice for effecting the necessary holistic change.

"I feel that the key to this problem is not government regulation, but human education, and that's why the churches and the synagogues and the mosques are being mobilized for this effort.... [Society's values] cannot be effectively regulated from above."

J. Robert Engel

With a blend of political agenda and religious doctrine, J. Robert Engel, Professor of Social Ethics at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, addressed the Middlebury Community on Friday afternoon. Engel spoke of the need for Western culture to reaffirm the ideals of liberal democracy in order to confront the environmental crisis.

Engel characterized the "liberal democracy" as a "faith" whereby each individual of a given society practices citizenship, or acts out of a "moral accountability to the community as a whole." Engel claimed our society's failure to care for our environment is our failure to embrace citizenship and see ourselves as a community of equals that can deliberate issues together and decide a common course of action.

Throughout his speech, Engel frequently referred to Henry Thoreau and Vaclav Havel, the former playwright and current president of Czechoslovakia, as figures sharing "a common political and religious heritage" and embodying the spirit and ideals of liberal democracy.

Quoting some of Havel's recent remarks, Engel supported his assertion that the West (particularly the U.S.) has lost sight of liberal democracy.

"[The West] 'is still under the sway of a destructive and vain belief that man is the pinnacle of creation, and not just a part of it .... [the West] has yet to understand that the salvation of the world lies in a global revolution of human consciousness ....'"

Professor Engel explained, "what Havel, in effect, told the American people was that we have lost our faith ... this faith wrote the Declaration of Independence, the bill of Rights, and the Constitution and it still has power to inspire us to be citizens."

"We have become the fundamentalists of liberal democracy, that is we have assumed that the American way of life is the democratic way.... Havel said, 'you are so far from the ideal of democracy.'

"Not only is my critique the fact that we have not carried forward our own understanding – and by that I would say the Anglo-American tradition — of liberal democracy, but we have not sat at the feet of African peoples, Asian peoples, Latin American peoples, indigenous peoples to understand what the meaning of democracy can and could be."

The ideals of liberal democracy, he argued, by their very nature, encompass not only humankind, but the whole of the natural world. Hence, addressing the environmental crisis necessitates pursuing these ideals.

"To awaken to the liberal democratic faith is to awaken to Spirit in Nature. It is to become a political and ecological revolutionary. For if we hold this faith, we, the people, have grounds to trust the ultimate identity between our spirits and the absolute Spirit. And this means we have grounds to think for ourselves, to trust our own experience, to trust one another, to trust the world, to believe that what we find good will be preserved in the order of things." Engel continued, "And this means all of us, including the least of us, and it means all of nature, including the least thing in nature. For the fate of the earth and the fate of humanity are one."

For this concept to take shape in the modern Western world, he suggested it is "vital to the welfare of the community that it recognize as rights each person's capacity for freedom, reason, and responsibility, and that it provide the material and cultural conditions to make those rights meaningful."

Engel asserted, "if we are not conscious of ourselves as citizens, we will lose the idea of ecology itself."

Professor Sallie McFague

On Saturday morning, Professor Sallie McFague gave an address entitled, "A Square in the Quilt: One Theologian's Contribution to the Planetary Agenda." The basis of McFague's speech was her constructive criticism of the Christian tradition she represents, within the framework of Spirit and Nature Symposium. McFague also expressed a willingness to outline alternatives to those tenets of Christianity that she perceived as obstacles to the environmental crisis.

McFague analysed that relationship between Christianity and nature and suggested renovations that would enable it to combat the ecological problems of our modern world.

McFague identified the fundamental problem of Christian theology in the face of the environmental crisis as its portrayal of God as a king or monarch, a being that exists in a different plane, divorced from the natural world. According to McFague, if an individual is taught to look outside his world for his salvation, his world and his effect on it will become of secondary importance. The result of this tradition is a basically andocentric, anthropocentric society where national and individual success comes before the well being of the global community. It is a society where the legacy of God's dominance over man is carried on through man's dominance over women and the white man's dominance over people of color.

"Domination and destruction of the natural world is inextricably linked with the domination and oppression of the poor, people of color, and all others that fall on the negative side of the correlation," said McFague.

Using the example of woman's subjugation within the Christian tradition, McFague elaborated on how the concept of justice must be merged with the environmental cause.

"The power of nature—and of women—to give and withold life epitomizes the inescapable interconnectedness of the two and thus the necessary relationship of justice and ecological issues," said McFague.

According to McFague, this cycle of dominance is by no means singular to the Christian tradition.

"Christianity is surely not alone responsible for this world view, but to the extent it has contributed to and supported it, the deconstruction of some of its major metaphors and the construction of others is in order."

It is in the capacity of the deconstrucion of these metaphors that McFague finds her role in saving our earth, her square in the quilt. McFague believes the merging of the Chrisitian tradition with postmodern sciences conception of our earths creation, that "all things living and all things not living are the products of the same primal explosion and evolutionary history, and hence are interrelated in an internal way from the very beginning."

This 'common creation myth' is one means to finding a way to improve our ecological situation.

"Probably the single most important thing that theologians can do for the planetary agenda is to insist that the 'world' in question, the world in which to understand both God and human beings, is the contemporary scientific picture of the Earth." McFague added, "Contemporary theology, if it is to help people think and act wholistically, must make its understanding of the God/world relationship consonant with contemporary views of reality."

McFague described the relationship between science and religion as one that will allow the spiritual power of the latter to become pertinent, active, and capable in the struggle to save the earth. It is in this vision, which acknowledges the present view of religion as obsolete in the face of a 'scientific' problem, that McFague went beyond an academic discussion of the problem and described a course of action on the spiritual level.

McFague reiterates in her closing words, "Each of us is called apon to contribute one square to the quilt. As time is short, we had better get about the business of doing so."

Jeff Chapman, Andrew Friendly, Becky Graves, Jeanie Hudson, Nick Walter, Kung-Hsuan Wang, and Nick Walter contributed to this article.

Speakers convene at Interfaith service to close symposium

By Kristan Schiller

The Interfaith Service on Sunday morning marked the second to last symposium event of the weekend, and Mead Chapel was filled to capacity with standing room only. The religious leaders representing a wide spectrum of faiths who had spoken during the symposium came together to help worship the earth on the final day of the Spirit and Nature symposium.

With words of welcome from President Timothy Light and readings from the Koran, the Torah and the New Testament, the message of the service resonated to all who attended, "If I care only about myself, then what am I?" Asked by Hillel the Elder in the first century, this question was raised again on Sunday by Dr. Ismar Schorsch of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

"If we live for ourselves alone, our lives are incomplete. They actually do not add to the welfare of the whole," Schorsch said.

Dr. Schorsch captured the theme of the service as he defined our challenge here on earth in the language of Hillel the Elder and later Martin Buber, saying, "If I am only for myself, I relate to the world as an 'it'. The challenge... is to relate to the world around us, every glorious detail as a 'thou'. God is not to be found in the remote, in the transcendent, but in the 'in between', in the relationship that I have to a tree, to an animal, to the stars, to my environment. Our challenge... is to turn an 'it' relationship into a 'thou' relationship. If we do not start this challenge of tempering our isolation, our pursuit of happiness, our solitary quest for ourselves now—immediately—then it may be too late."

With this homily in mind, a wide-eyed congregation heard further readings by Engel, McFague and Nasr. With a satellite photograph of the planet earth at the altar behind him, Engel quoted William James' book, *A Pluralistic Universe* .

"If the heavens really are the home of angels," he said, "the heavenly bodies must be those very angels, for other creatures there are none. Yes, the earth is our great, common, guardian angel who watches over all our interests, combined."

In the same vein, McFague asked, "Can we manage the planet? Do we not need, rather, to adjust to the rhythms of the planet, to learn, if you will, the house rules of our home?"

McFague stressed the importance of seeing the earth as relative, rather than resource, retreat or recreation. In essence, said McFague, the earth "needs our love."

His Holiness the Dalai Lama spoke toward the close of the service. He emphasized the importance of individual responsibility in our future efforts to preserve the the earth.

As the congregation left Mead Chapel...the path to a more conscientious preservation of our world had been paved.

"Implementation into one's own daily life has to first start with one's self. Now we are turning to a new century, the twenty-first century, to which I think the human outlook and way of life... will have a greater global perspective," he stated.

As the congregation left Mead Chapel to attend the symbolic Common Meal, the pathway to a more conscientious preservation of our world had been paved.

"It is true that we are travellers on this earth, passing by members of the caravan for a few fleeting moments on this beautiful earth, between the gates of life and death," said Nasr. "But this enchanted nature which surrounds us in our earthly journey is not simply the background for the trajectory of our life. Nature is, above all, a reflection of the paradise whose memories are still there in the depths of our soul."

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We've heard the talk – Let's see some action

The 'Spirit and Nature' conference is over. The experts and dignitaries, the camera crews and the crowds have all gone.

Many will say that the conference was a resounding success and cause for optimism.

The speakers were excellent and their message was provacative: the global environmental crisis is real and immediate, and the major religions of the world must play an active role in raising awareness and promoting action. The lectures provided some with their first contact with foreign religious traditions. Some people began to examine their relationship with the environment for the first time. And hosting the conference certainly didn't hurt the prestige of Middlebury College.

Others will be more reticent to applaud.

Although each speaker drew a sizeable crowd to Mead Chapel, most students and faculty members only showed up for the Dalai Lama's address in the Field House–if they even bothered with that. Some would say that most of the people who attended the other events were not the people that needed to hear the message.

The faculty showed little more interest than students. They certainly did not attend conference events in droves, and many never even mentioned it in class. The thought of cancelling class on Friday was out of the question for many. These are the same professors who routinely excuse students for sports events, and who annually give up a day of classes in February for Winter Carnival.

And during the conference, life went on as usual: there was no marked decrease in the number of paper cups used at Proctor, and fraternities served up more than a thousand plastic ones which will be with us long after the weekend's hangovers have relented.

One of the recurring messages in most of last weekend's message was that ultimately, only individuals can confront the environmental crisis.

But an equally important message was that instituions must do everything possible to promote awreness and facilitate action.

As a liberal arts institution, Middlebury College has taken an important first step in making concern for the environment part of the consciousness of our community. It is vital that the college follow through. As a start, the administration should:

- Give more financial and logistical backing to the recycling program. Designed by students in a senior Environmental Studies seminar two years ago, the program has been only partially successful in making recylcing a part of our community's consciousness. Increased funding would allow for a bigger staff, which would mean more frequent pickups and a more comprehensive program.

- Make greater use of the Ballenger Computer Center by providing all currently photocopied course materials on the server. Some professors already do this. Not only would this save paper, but it would also encourage a higher degree of computer literacy.

- Continue to sponsor lectures and cultural events which focus on the environment.

- Make the environment an issue in the classroom. The environment can be incorporated into every field of academic endeavor, at least tangentially.

Student organizations also have an important role to play. Fraternities should give discounts to guests who bring their own cups and join the rest of the college by switching from plastic to paper. And the Student Government Association could make itself useful by spearheading a campaign to reduce energy consumption.

Without further efforts, the message of 'Spirit and Nature' will be lost to the community which hosted the conference. Let's not let ourselves be accused of all talk and no action.

The Opinions Section of The Campus eagerly seeks your thoughts and views on any issue or cause about which you have a dynamic opinion.

From fraternities to the Gulf Crisis to the lines in Proctor Hall—if it's important to you, we want to hear why.

We encourage a lively, colorful debate, and The Campus is your vehicle to express yourself.

The Middlebury Community thrives on your participation. Examine your world and make a statement.

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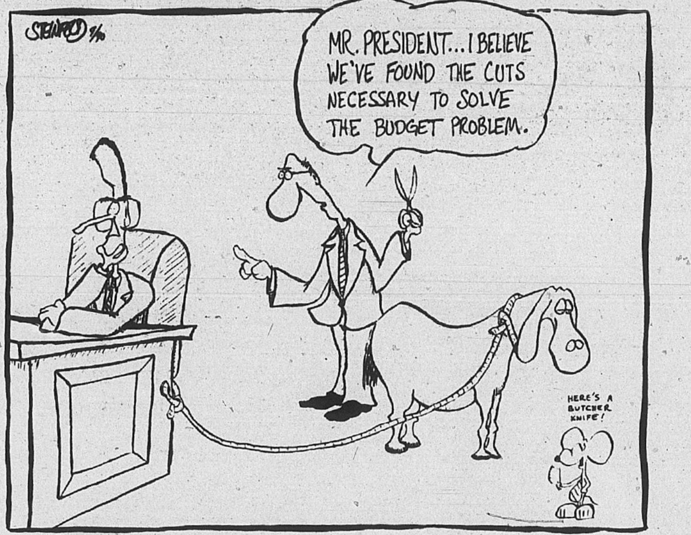
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HERE'S A BUTCHER KNIFE!

SGA's scheduled meeting imposes on Rosh Hashanah

To the Editor,

We are writing to express our dismay with the SGA's decision to schedule the first all–student assembly meeting for the evening of Wednesday, September 19. Wednesday night was the beginning of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. For many students this holiday is one of the holiest of the year. The message presented by the SGA is that in order to be part of the representative body of students one must make a choice between religious observance and participating in school government.

The purpose of the SGA is to allow full and fair representation of the diverse members of this community. We do not propose that all activities should be suspended during this holiday, but in recognition of the importance of accurate representation of all students, perhaps a different evening would have been a better choice. This meeting seems to be of great importance in determining the school-wide activities and policies for the coming year. As concerned members of this community we would appreciate the opportunity for all to be active here at Middlebury. As Middlebury attempts to celebrate the diversity of its students and faculty, it is disappointing that there is not more awareness of and concern for the differences on this campus.

Amanda Clayman
Annmarie Benedict

Secular life cannot be the answer

By Ali Rezac Mehdi

In the West, Islam evokes very definitive and limiting images. Few of these images are even remotely connected with or related to the preservation of the environment. Being in direct and often violent contact with Western history and Western historical development, Islam has been distorted and been forced to fit in the mould of Orientalism. The terms that are usually ascribed to it include passivity, total submission, violence, fanaticism and very often just plain incompetence and ineptitude. These terms that are often contradictory and not based on a thorough critical analysis.

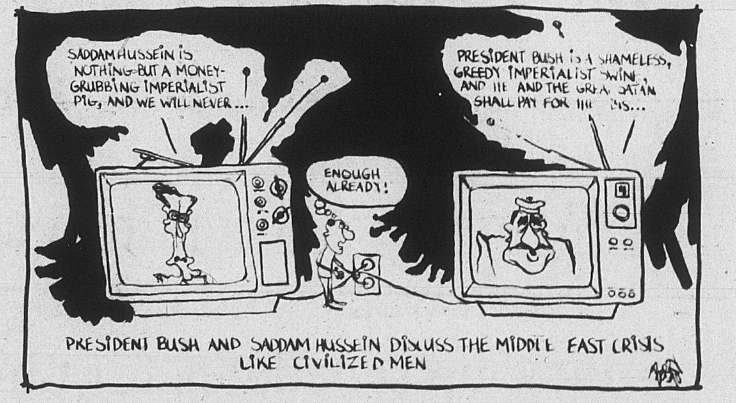
In this context, Professor Nasr's speech entitled "Islam and the Environment" highlighted how Islam could play a positive and constructive role in extricating the world from the current environmental crisis. Nasr's speech was especially relevant and revealing.

Prof. Nasr highlighted the stress on the environment that Islam places. Islam emphasizes a certain equilibrium between man and nature and assigns to each its own role in the nature of things. In the Islamic vision of the world, man owes a certain allegiance to God and one manifestation of this allegiance is that he refrains from overstepping his boundaries with respect to nature. Man must also remain conscious of the fact that there is a supreme entity whose wisdom far exceeds his own. According to Nasr, the medieval Judeo-Christian traditions were very much on the same lines. It was for this reason that the great advances made in the field of mathematics, physics, chemistry and other natural and social sciences by Muslim scientists and theorists were not translated. This factor is referred to by certain Orientalists as "a regime of internal colonialism that paralyzed the world of Islam".

According to Nasr, this vision of the world underwent a drastic transformation in Christianity after Thomas Aquinas. St. Thomas distinguished greatly between faith and reason and sought to illustrate that "while reason cannot establish doctrines, which are a matter of faith, it can show that they are not contrary to reason". The rise of "rationalism" after the Renaissance with the deification of Reason and the primacy of the individual had a serious and very destabilizing effect upon man's view of nature. Nature was free to be exploited by man for his own advancement and the onslaught of materialism and even of hedonism which set in motion a process that is even continuing today. We are now all facing the consequences of this hedonistic approach in our environment. Secular humanism is then totally incompetent to help us deal with this crisis because it was secular humanism that set this whole process in motion in the first place.

Islam emphasizes a certain equilibrium between man and nature and assigns to each its own role in the nature of things.

However, Nasr also added that because of imperialism and the process of colonilization many Islamic countries are now no better than the Western countries in their treatment of the environment. Powerful economic and political ideologies that are now dominant in the world and that lay great stress on material development prevent adequate attention to this problem. Economic development at all costs is the leitmotif of this era. Until a revolution occurs in the sphere of thought which rebels against this tendency, Prof. Nasr remained deeply skeptical about any real progress towards the resolution of this crisis. He blamed the arrogance and presumptions of post-Renaissance science to a large degree for this current dismal situation and suggested that a return to religion and spirituality was the only way out. In this context, he emphasized that Islam has a very important role to play because of the concept of harmony and equilibrium that underlies it. The Koran's message endures, "O you who believe! Do not forbid yourselves the good things that Allah has made lawful for you and do not exceed the limits; surely Allah does not love those who exceed the limits."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ENOUGH ALREADY!
PRESIDENT BUSH AND SADDAM HUSSEIN DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS LIKE CIVILIZED MEN

Individual desires must play a part in environmental changes

By Bill McDavitt

Dr. Rockefeller's efforts for this past week's symposium should be commended. After all how often does one get to see the Dalai Lama? But while the speakers had impressive credentials, Mother Earth will not be feeling much better this week than she did the week before.

As the title of the week's events implies, the speeches, discussions and mediation certainly did not attempt to solve our environmental problems through economic or political means. Yet with so many other more individual problems facing Americans, a religious and spiritual revival will have a difficult time surviving unless Americans are courageous enough to accept it. Of course Islam, Judaism and Christianity revere the earth. The ideals of these religions would be considered benevolent by many but Americans are not about to do some deep soul searching in order to clean the planet. This is not to say that our religious institutions should not play a part in solving our planet's problems. Indeed, many religions embrace an older, more enduring history and tradition not dependent on the dictates of a capitalist society.

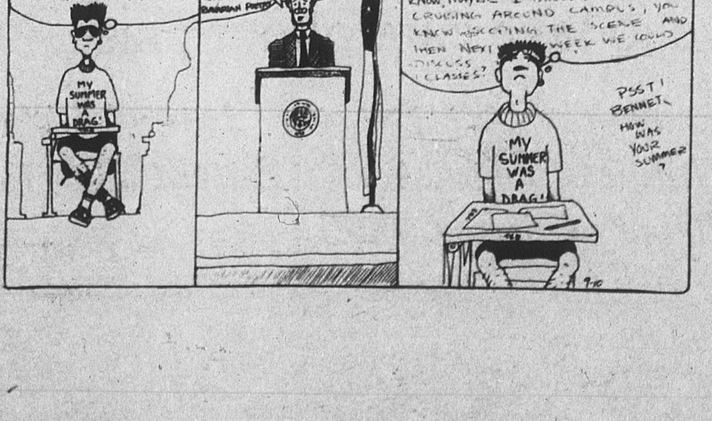
Many of our problems boil down to concrete ethical questions. How can individuals stop the depletion of natural resources that will eventually be turned into a waste that future generations will not be able to use? The earth has developed its own marvelous recycling program that took billions of years to develop. Humans are the only species that produce waste on this planet that does not work with this program. Perhaps religious institutions will teach humans that this is not ethical.

So many of us are removed from the environmental impact for which we are responsible. We do not see the vast areas of land flooded that are used to run hydro-electric dams with the flip of a switch. We do not see the scars left on the land after cranes and bulldozers have gone through an area rich in natural resources. We do not see, taste, touch or feel the polluted gases called chlorofluorocarbons that our refrigerators give off. The list is endless. Perhaps a higher being will enlighten us of such impacts.

The symposium did an excellent job of presenting different (mainly eastern) perspectives. Eastern religion tends to give humans a closer relationship to the natural world. Dr. Nasr certainly attacked the west for its large scale development as well as placed plenty of blame on the west. A global catastrophe is more likely to promote environmental action by westerners than reverence for a higher being or spiritual leader which is a far less painful alternative.

One student asked Dr. Nasr that although many religions claim to be an environmental religion, why does the earth have problems and at what point did Islam get off course? In typical fashion, a long-winded response was given but in conclusion, Dr. Nasr felt that we should look towards the future and not dwell on the past. Good enough but shouldn't history teach us not to repeat our mistakes?

Dr. Rockefeller's approach was certainly different from many of the other environmental symposium's taking place across America. Environmental policy and economics will continue to be an important factor in protecting and improving the earth but the most important movement must be a personal one. The winds of change might not develop from Middlebury, but a whisp might.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By SEYMOUR
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WE'VE ALREADY STARTED CLASSES! LAST WEEK I WAS ON THE BEACH WITH THE BOYS, ENJOYING THE "SCENERY," AND TODAY?
MY SUMMER WAS A DRAG!
OK, NOW THAT YOU ALL HAVE YOUR BOOK LISTS AND ASSIGNMENTS, LET'S JUMP RIGHT INTO MY SPECIALTY. BAVARIAN POETRY
I MEAN, COULDN'T THERE AT LEAST HAVE BEEN A WEEK OR TWO OF ADJUSTMENT TIME? YOU KNOW, MAYBE I SHOULD BE JUST CRUISING AROUND CAMPUS, YOU KNOW SCOPING THE SCENE AND THEN NEXT WEEK WE COULD DISCUSS CLASSES?
PSST! BENNET, HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER?
MY SUMMER WAS A DRAG!
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"Strength of the Hills" welcomes symposium

By Brad Kirschner

He touched my hand! The Dalai Lama grabbed my hand and held it tightly in his grip for at least four seconds. I am never going to wash my right hand again.

That is a rather childish idea. So let's analyze the symposium from an adult perspective.

I live in Seattle— home of the 1990 Good Will Games. Have you ever heard of them? Ted Turner and his network tried to make a pretty big deal about them. Pepsi even had some special cans printed for the games. With all this attention, the games were still a flop. People in Seattle just weren't too enthusiastic about them. True, a couple of the local television stations added special segments to their news broadcasts where they reported the latest scores of a volley-ball game or a polo tournament. Many of the United States' best athletes decided not to attend and very few of the events sold nearly as many tickets as the Games' committee had hoped. It is even currently rumored that the committee is having difficulty paying off many of their debts and has asked the city of Seattle to help out. Seattle's good will just wasn't good enough. A few companies tried to make it out to be a great happening but for Seattle residents it was just one more chance for longer, more grid-locked rush hours.

So, with my experienced adult mind, I looked at this week's symposium with skepticism. Was it going to fall victim to the Good Will Games syndrome? Or was this really a big deal? This Dalai Lama guy...why haven't I heard his name mentioned more often? As an Episcopalian without previous exposure to any Buddhist teachings, I found reincarnation in particular difficult to understand. Why all the commotion over one man? And what about the other six speakers? What made them so special that they should suggest ways in which we should lead our lives?

Then I realized that our setting provides the perfect back-drop for such a symposium. What better place to promote nature's survival and the part we must play in ensuring it's continued existence. Mead Chapel displays so prominently the inscription, "The Strength of the Hills is His Also". Here, spirit and nature truly come together. And if I get to walk four or five steps with the fourteenth Dalai Lama as part of the deal, I am not going to complain. He held my hand!

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Middlebury's recycling program has been expanded for 1990. We can now recycle more varied types of waste, but we need your help to do it!

- We are now accepting clay-content magazines, for example, Time, Newsweek, and catalogs.
- Pick-up schedules for bins will be posted in every dorm by Monday, September 24.
- Telephone books and directories will be accepted, but please remove the front and back covers.
- We have a limited number of bins — please read the bin labels and neatly stack other materials *beside* the bins.

Make a *conscious* effort —

> "Taking care of the planet is nothing sacred; [it is] like taking care of one's house. [You] have no other house; [we have] no other planet—[we] have to take care of our place."

—His Holiness the fourteenth Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso
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